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The translator has adhered to the received text as given by VAN DER HOOGHT; and has followed the system of the Masoretic points. In further elucidation of the obscurities, he has diligently compared the versions and illustra-

tions of numerous commentators, and biblical critics*.

Those who have had the opportunity of attending the Lectures of the late Hebrew

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ISAIAH.

CHAP. I.

THE VISION OF ISAIAH THE SON OF AMOZ, WHICH HE SAW CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM; IN THE DAYS OF UZZIAH, JOTHAM, AHAZ, HEZEKIAH, KINGS OF JUDAH.

2 HEAR, O ye heavens; and give ear, O earth!
For JEHOVAH speaketh.
I have nourished and brought up children;
And they have rebelled against me.
3 The ox knoweth his owner,
And the ass his master's crib:
[But] Israel knoweth not;
My people doth not consider.
4 Ah, sinful nation! people laden with iniquity!
Seed of evil-doers! children that are corrupters!
They have forsaken JEHOVAH,
Have despised the Holy One of Israel;
Have gone off backward.
5 Why will ye be smitten any more? you will still revolt:

The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint:
6 From the sole of the foot to the crown of the head, there is no soundness;
[But] wounds, and lashes, and fresh stripes:
They have not been pressed out, neither bound up,
Nor mollified with oil.
7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burnt with fire;
Your land, strangers devour it before your eyes;
It is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
8 And the daughter of Zion is left alone, as a shed in a vineyard;
As a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a city saved.
9 Had JEHOVAH of hosts not left us the smallest remnant,
We had been as Sodom; we had become like unto Gomorrah.

10 Hear ye the word of JEHOVAH, O ye princes of Sodom!
Give ear to the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah!
11 Why to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? saith JEHOVAH:
I am satiated with the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts;
And in the blood of bullocks, and of lambs, and of he-goats, I have no delight.
12 When ye come to appear before me,

Who hath required this at your hand, to tread
my courts?
13 Bring no more insincere oblation,
Incense! it is an abomination unto me;
The new moon also, the sabbath, and the pro-
claiming of an assembly;
I cannot endure iniquity, even the solemn as-
sembly;
14 Your new moons, and your appointed festivals,
my soul hateth:
They are a burden unto me; I am weary of
bearing them.
15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will
hide mine eyes from you:
Even when ye multiply prayer, I will not hear:
Your hands are full of blood.
16 Wash ye, make ye clean;
Remove ye far away the evil of your doings
from before mine eyes;
Cease to do evil:
17 Learn to do good; seek after justice; correct
the evil-doer;
Do justice to the orphan; plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith
JEHOVAH:
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be
white as snow;
Though they be red as crimson, they shall be
like wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient,
Ye shall eat the good of the land;
20 But if ye refuse and rebel,
Ye shall be devoured by the sword:
For the mouth of JEHOVAH hath spoken it.

21 How is the faithful city become an harlot!
She that was full of judgment, righteousness lodged in her;
But now murderers!
22 Thy silver is become dross;
Thy wine adulterated with water.
23 Thy princes are rebellious and associates of robbers;
Every one of them loveth a bribe, and hunteth after rewards:
For the orphan they procure no justice;
And the cause of the widow cometh not before them.

24 Wherefore saith the Lord, JEHOVAH of hosts, the mighty One of Israel:
Ah! I will ease me of mine adversaries,
And I will be avenged of mine enemies.
25 And I will direct mine hand against thee,
And entirely melt out thy dross,
And remove all thy tin:
26 And I will restore thy judges, as at the first;
And thy counsellors, as at the beginning:
Then thou shalt be called,

A town of righteousness, a faithful city.
27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment,
And those that return unto her, with righteousness.
28 But the destruction of revolters and sinners shall be together;
And they that forsake JEHOVAH shall perish.
29 Then shall men be ashamed of the grove of turpentine trees, which are your delight;
And ye shall blush for the gardens, which ye have loved:
30 For ye shall be as the turpentine tree, whose leaves are withered;
And as a garden, wherein there is no water.
31 The powerful shall become as tow,
And his work as a spark of fire;
And they shall burn both of them together; and none shall quench them.

CHAP. II.

THE WORD WHICH WAS REVEALED TO ISAIAH, THE SON OF AMOZ, CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM.

2 IT shall come to pass in the latter days,
That the mountain of the house of JEHOVAH shall be established on the top of the mountains;
And it shall be exalted above the hills:
And all the nations shall flow unto it.
3 And many peoples shall go, and say;

Come on, and let us go up to the mountain of JEHOVAH;
To the house of the God of Jacob:
And he will teach us of his ways;
And we will walk in his paths:
For from Zion shall go forth the law;
And the word of JEHOVAH from Jerusalem.
4 And he shall judge among the nations,
And give sentence to many peoples:
And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
And their spears into pruning-hooks:
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
Neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye,
And let us walk in the light of JEHOVAH!
6 For thou hast abandoned thy people, the house of Jacob,
Because they are full of the East,
And soothsayers like the Philistines;
And with a foreign race they go hand in hand.
7 Their land is full of silver and gold;
And there is no end to their treasures:
Their land is full of horses;
And there is no end to their chariots.
8 Their land is full of idols;
Before the work of their own hands do they prostrate themselves;
Before that which their own fingers have made.

9 Therefore the mean man is bowed down, and
the great man is humbled;
And thou wilt not forgive them.

10 Go into the rock, and hide thyself in the dust;
For fear of JEHOVAH, and for the glory of his
majesty.
11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled,
And the haughtiness of mortals shall be bowed
down:
And JEHOVAH alone shall be exalted in that day.
12 For there is unto JEHOVAH of hosts, a day
against every thing proud and lofty;
And against every thing exalted, that it shall be
humbled.
13 Even against all the cedars of Lebanon, the
high and the exalted;
And against all the oaks of Basan:
14 And against all the high mountains,
And against all the exalted hills:
15 And against every high raised tower;
And against every fenced wall.
16 And against all the ships of Tarshish;
And against every desirable work of art.
17 And the pride of man shall be bowed down;
And the haughtiness of mortals shall be
humbled;
And JEHOVAH alone shall be exalted in that
day.
18 And the idols shall be totally destroyed.

19 And they shall go into caverns of rocks, and
into dens of the earth;
For fear of JEHOVAH, and for the glory of his
majesty,
When he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.
20 In that day shall men cast away their idols
of silver,
And their idols of gold, which they had made
for themselves to worship;
To the moles and to the bats:
21 To go into caves of rocks, and into clefts of
craggy rocks:
For fear of JEHOVAH, and for the glory of his
majesty,
When he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.
22 Cease ye from trust in man, whose breath is
in his nostrils;
For wherein is he of any account?

CHAP. III.

1 For behold the Lord, JEHOVAH of hosts,
Removeth from Jerusalem, and from Judah,
Every stay and support;
The whole stay of bread, and the whole stay
of water:
2 The mighty man, and the warrior;
The judge, and the prophet, and the diviner,
and the elder:
3 The captain of fifty, and the honourable man;

And the counsellor, and the cunning artificer,
and the skilful of speech.
4 And I will set boys for their princes;
And children shall rule over them.
5 And the people shall be oppressed;
This man by that man, and that man by his
neighbour:
They shall behave themselves insolently, the
boy towards the old man;
And the base towards the honourable.
6 Then should a man lay hold on his brother, of
the house of his father,
[Saying] thou hast raiment; be thou ruler over us,
And take this ruin under thy hand:
7 He shall swear in that day, saying,
I cannot be the healer;
For in my house is neither bread, nor raiment:
Appoint not me ruler of the people.
8 For Jerusalem tottereth, and Judah falleth;
Because their tongue, and their deeds, are
against JEHOVAH;
To provoke his glorious eyes.
9 The shamelessness of their countenances wit-
nesseth against them;
And they speak openly of their sin, like Sodom
they hide it not:
Wo unto their soul! for they have rewarded
evil unto themselves.
10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well
[with him];

For the fruit of his deeds shall he eat.
11 Wo unto the wicked; it shall be ill [with him];
For the reward of his hands shall be given him.
12 As for my people, children are their oppressors;
And women rule over them.
O my people, thy leaders cause thee to err;
And the way of thy paths, they pervert.

13 JEHOVAH ariseth to plead his cause;
He standeth to judge the people.
14 JEHOVAH will enter into judgment,
With the elders of his people and their princes:
For ye have consumed the vineyard:
The plunder of the poor is in your houses.
15 What mean ye, that ye crush my people;
And grind the faces of the poor?
Saith the Lord, JEHOVAH of hosts.

16 Moreover JEHOVAH hath said:
Because the daughters of Zion are haughty;
And walk displaying the neck,
And leering with their eyes,
Walking and mincing as they go,
And making a tinkling with their feet.
17 Therefore will the Lord smite with a scab the head of the daughters of Zion;
And JEHOVAH will expose their nakedness.
18 In that day will the Lord take away the ornaments,

Of the ancle-rings, and the caps of network,
and the crescents;
19 The pendents, and the bracelets, and the thin
veils;
20 The head-dress, and the anklets, and the girdles,
And the perfume-boxes, and the amulets;
21 The rings, and the jewels of the nose;
22 The embroidered robes, and the tunics;
And the cloaks, and the sachels;
23 The transparent garments, and the fine linen
vests;
And the turbans, and the mantles.
24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of per-
fume there shall be putrefaction,
And instead of a girdle, an ulcer;
And instead of plaited hair, baldness;
And instead of a zone, a girdle of sackcloth:
A sunburnt skin, instead of beauty.
25 Thy men shall fall by the sword;
And thy mighty, in the war.
26 And her gates shall lament and mourn;
And desolate shall she sit on the ground.

CHAP. IV.

1 And seven women shall lay hold on one man
in that day, saying:
Our own bread will we eat, and wear our own
apparel;
Only let us be called by thy name:
Do thou take away our reproach.

2 In that day shall the Branch of JEHOVAH
Become glorious and honourable;
And the fruit of the land excellent and beautiful,
For the remnant saved of Israel.
3 And it shall come to pass, whosoever is left in Zion,
And remaineth in Jerusalem,
Holy shall he be called;
Every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem.
4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion;
And shall have wiped off the blood of Jerusalem from the midst of her,
By a spirit of judgment, and by a spirit of burning:
5 Then shall JEHOVAH create upon every dwelling-place in mount Zion,
And upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day;
And the brightness of a flaming fire by night:
But upon all the glory there shall be a covering.
6 And a tabernacle it shall be for a shade by day from the heat;
And for a refuge, and for a covert, from storm and from rain.

CHAP. V.

1 LET me sing now to my Beloved,
A song of my Beloved touching his vineyard.

My Beloved had a vineyard
Upon a very fruitful hill.
2 He digged it, and cleared it of stones,
And planted it with the choicest vine,
And he built a tower in the midst of it,
And also digged a winepress therein;
And he expected, that it should bring forth grapes;
But it brought forth baneful berries.
3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and ye men of Judah,
Judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard.
4 What could have been done more to my vineyard,
Than I have done unto it?
Why, when I expected that it should bring forth grapes,
Brought it forth baneful berries?
5 But come now, and I will make known unto you,
What I will do to my vineyard:
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be eaten up;
I will demolish its wall, and it shall be trodden down.
6 And I will make it a waste:
It shall not be pruned, neither shall it be weeded;
But there shall come up brier and thorn;
And to the clouds I will give command,
That they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of JEHOVAH of hosts is the
house of Israel;
And the men of Judah his pleasant plant:
He looked for judgment, and behold a shedding
of blood;
For justice, and behold a cry.

8 Wo unto them, who join house to house;
Who lay field unto field together;
Until there be no more room left, and ye dwell
By yourselves alone in the midst of the land.
9 To mine ears hath JEHOVAH of hosts revealed it:
Surely, the many houses shall become a deso-
lation;
The great and the fair ones, no one shall inhabit.
10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one
bath,
And a chomer of seed shall produce an ephah.
11 Wo unto them, who rise early in the morning to
follow after strong drink;
Who sit late in the evening, that the wine may
inflame them:
12 And the lyre, and the harp, the tabor, and the
pipe,
And wine, are their entertainments;
But the work of JEHOVAH they regard not;
And the operation of his hands they do not
perceive.
13 Therefore my people goeth into captivity, for
want of knowledge;

Their nobles have died with hunger;
And their multitude are parched up with thirst.
14 Therefore hath Hades opened its jaws with greediness;
And hath stretched open its mouth without measure:
And down go her nobility, and her multitude;
And her busy throng, and all that exult in her.
15 And the mean man is bowed down, and the great man is humbled;
And the eyes of the haughty are humbled.
16 But JEHOVAH of hosts is exalted in judgment;
And the Holy God is sanctified in righteousness.
17 The sheep shall feed, as upon their own pasture;
And in the desolate possessions of the rich shall strange flocks graze.
18 Wo unto them, who draw punishment along with a rope of vice;
And destruction, as with a cart-rope.
19 Who say, Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it;
And let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come to pass, that we may know it.
20 Wo unto them that call evil good, and good evil;
Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

21 Wo unto them, who are wise in their own eyes;
And prudent in their own conceit.
22 Wo unto them, that are powerful to drink wine;
And men of might to mingle strong drink.
23 Who justify the guilty for reward,
And take away the righteousness of the righteous from him.
24 Therefore as the flame of fire devoureth the stubble,
And as the dry grass sinketh down together in the flame;
So their root shall be as rottenness,
And their blossom shall go up like the dust:
Because they have despised the law of JEHOVAH of hosts;
And scornfully rejected the word of the Holy One of Israel.
25 Wherefore the anger of JEHOVAH is kindled against his people;
He hath stretched out his hand against them,
And smitten them; and the mountains trembled;
And their carcases became as the mire in the midst of the streets.
For all this his anger is not turned away;
But his hand is still stretched out.
26 And he will erect a standard for the nations afar off;
And he will hiss unto them from the end of the earth;

And behold, with speed swiftly shall they come.
27 None among them is faint, and none stumbleth;
No one slumbereth, and no one sleepeth:
Neither is the girdle of their loins loosed;
Nor the latchet of their shoes torn off.
28 Whose arrows are sharpened,
And all their bows are bent:
The hoofs of their horses are counted like unto the flint;
And their wheels unto the whirlwind.
29 Their roaring is like that of the lioness;
They roar like the young lions:
They rage, and seize the prey;
They bear it away, and no one doth rescue.
30 In that day, shall they roar against them, like the roaring of the sea;
And they shall look towards the earth, and behold! darkness;
Anguish their only light!
It darkeneth in the heavens above.

CHAP. VI.

1 In the year, in which Uzziah the king died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lofty; and his train filled the temple.
2 Above him stood the Seraphim: each one of them had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and
3 with two he did fly. And one called to the other, and said:

Holy, holy, holy, JEHOVAH of hosts!
The whole earth is full of his glory.
4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook
at the voice of the calling; and the house
5 was filled with smoke. Then I said, Wo
is me! I am undone: for I am a man of
unclean lips; and in the midst of a people
of unclean lips do I dwell: for mine eyes
have seen the King, JEHOVAH of hosts.
6 Then flew one of the Seraphim towards
me; and in his hand was a burning coal,
which he had taken with the tongs from off
7 the altar. And he touched my mouth, and
said:
Lo! this hath touched thy lips:
Thine iniquity is removed, and thy sin is expiated.
8 And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send; and who will go
for us? And I said: Behold, here am I, send
9 me. And he said:
Go, and say thou to this people:
Hear ye distinctly, but ye shall not understand;
See ye clearly, but ye shall not perceive;
10 Make gross the heart of this people;
Make their ears dull, and close up their eyes;
Lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears,

And understand with their hearts, and be converted, and be healed.
11 And I said; How long, Lord? And he said:
Until cities be laid waste, so that there be no inhabitant;
And houses, so that there be no man:
And the land be left utterly desolate.
12 Then JEHOVAH will remove men far away;
And the desolation shall be increased in the land.
13 But should there still be left in it a tenth part,
It would likewise be exterminated;
[Yet], as the turpentine tree, and the oak, when they are cut down, have their stem remaining;
So also a holy seed, as a stem of the people, shall remain.

CHAP. VII.

1 IT came to pass in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin king of Syria, and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up against Jerusalem, to besiege it; but they could not overcome it.
2 And when it was told to the house of David, that Syria was supported by Ephraim; then his heart, and the heart of his people, was moved; as the trees of the forest are moved before the wind

3 And JEHOVAH said to Isaiah: Go out now
to meet Ahaz; thou and Shearjeshub thy son;
at the end of the aqueduct of the upper pool, at
4 the causeway of the fuller's field. And thou
shalt say unto him:
Take heed, and be still: fear not, neither let
thy heart be faint;
Because of these two ends of smoking fire-
brands;
For the fierce wrath of Rezin, and Syria, and
the son of Remaliah.
5 Because Syria hath plotted mischief against thee;
Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, saying:
6 Let us go up against Judah, and besiege it;
And let us divide it among ourselves:
And let us set up a king in the midst of it;
Even the son of Tabeal.
7 Thus saith the Lord JEHOVAH:
It shall not stand, neither shall it be.
8 Though the head of Syria be Damascus,
And the head of Damascus, Rezin;
Yet within threescore and five years,
Ephraim shall be broken, that he be no more a
people:
9 Though the head of Ephraim be Samaria;
And the head of Samaria, Remaliah's son:
If ye believe not in me, surely ye shall not be
established.
10 And JEHOVAH spake yet again to Ahaz, saying:
11 Ask thee a sign from JEHOVAH thy God:

Ask it in the deep, or seek it in the height.
12 And Ahaz said; I will not ask; neither will I
tempt JEHOVAH. And he said:
13 Hear ye now, O house of David:
Is it a small thing for you to weary the patience
of men,
That you should weary my God also?
14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign:
Behold, the Virgin shall conceive, and bear
a son;
And she shall call his name Immanuel.
15 Butter and honey shall he eat,
Till he shall have knowledge to reject what is
evil, and to choose what is good:
16 For before the child shall have knowledge
To reject the evil, and to choose the good;
The land, which causeth uneasiness to thee
By reason of its two kings, shall be deserted.
17 [But] JEHOVAH shall bring upon thee,
And upon thy people, and upon thy father's
house,
Days, such as have not come,
From the day that Ephraim departed from
Judah;
[Namely] the king of Assyria.
18 And it shall come to pass in that day;
JEHOVAH shall hiss for the fly,
That is in the utmost part of the rivers of Egypt;
And for the bee, that is in the land of Assyria:

19 And they shall come, and they shall light all of them,
On the valleys of the deserts, and on the clefts of the rocks,
And on all the thorn bushes, and on all the meadows.
20 In that day shall the Lord shave with a razor hired
Beyond the river, [namely] with the king of Assyria,
The head, and the hair of the feet;
And the beard also it shall take away.
21 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That a man shall keep one cow and two sheep;
22 And it shall be,
From the plenty of milk which they shall produce, he shall eat butter:
Yea, butter and honey shall he eat,
Whosoever is left in the land.
23 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That every place wherein there were a thousand vines,
At a thousand pieces of silver,
Shall become the portion of briers and thorns.
24 With arrows and with the bow shall they come thither;
For the whole land shall become briers and thorns.

25 And upon all the hills, which were dressed with
the mattock,
Will no one go, for fear of briers and thorns;
But they shall be for the sending forth of oxen,
and for the treading of sheep.

CHAP. VIII.

1 And JEHOVAH said unto me: Take unto
thee a large roll, and write upon it in the style
of man, HASTEN THE SPOIL, TAKE QUICKLY
2 THE PREY. And I took unto me faithful wit-
nesses; Uriah the priest, and Zachariah the
3 son of Jerebechiah. And I approached unto
the prophetess; and she conceived and bare
a son. And JEHOVAH said unto me: Call his
name MAHER-SHALAL HASH-BAZ:
4 For before the child shall have knowledge
To cry, My father, and My mother,
The riches of Damascus shall be taken away,
And the spoil of Samaria, before the face of
the king of Assyria.
5 Yet again JEHOVAH spake unto me, saying:
6 Because this people hath rejected
The waters of Shiloah, which flow gently;
And rejoiceth in Rezin, and the son of
Remaliah:
7 Now, therefore, behold the Lord bringeth up
upon them
The waters of the river, strong and mighty;

Even the king of Assyria, and all his glory.
And he shall rise above all their channels,
And go over all their banks.
8 And he shall pass through Judah, he shall overflow and go over;
Even to the neck shall he reach:
And the spreading of his wings shall be
Over the full breadth of thy land, O Immanuel!

9 Link yourselves together, O ye people, yet shall you be broken in pieces;
And give ear, all ye distant lands:
Gird ye yourselves, yet shall you be broken in pieces;
Gird ye yourselves, yet shall you be broken in pieces.
10 Take counsel together, yet it shall be brought to nought;
Speak the word; but it shall not stand:
For God is with us.
11 For thus said JEHOVAH unto me, with a strong hand;
When he warned me against walking in the way of this people, saying:
12 Call ye not that a confederacy,
Whatsoever this people shall call a confederacy:
And be ye not afraid of their fear, neither be ye terrified.
13 JEHOVAH of hosts, Him sanctify;

And let him be your fear, and let him be your terror.
14 And he shall be [unto you] for a sanctuary:
But for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offence,
To both the houses of Israel;
For a trap, and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
15 And, against which, many shall stumble,
And shall fall, and be broken; and shall be insnared, and caught.
16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law, among my disciples.
17 And I will wait for JEHOVAH, who hideth his face
From the house of Jacob; and I will look for him.
18 Behold, I, and the children,
Whom JEHOVAH hath given unto me;
For signs and for wonders in Israel,
From JEHOVAH of hosts,
Who dwelleth upon mount Zion.
19 And when they shall say unto you:
Inquire of the necromancers and the wizards,
Who chirp, and mutter:
[Say ye], Should not a people inquire of their God?
[Should they inquire] of the dead concerning the living?
20 To the law and to the testimony;
If they will not speak according to this word,

It is because there is no dawn of day for them.
21 And they shall pass through the land sorely beset and hungry:
And it shall come to pass when they shall hunger and fret themselves,
They will curse their king, and their God,
22 Whether they shall cast their eyes upward,
Or shall look unto the earth; for, behold, trouble and obscurity,
Palpable darkness, and a thick night whereinto they shall be driven.

23 But hereafter there shall not be darkness to that [land] wherein is now distress:
In the former time he made no account of
The land of Zabulon and the land of Naphtali;
But in the latter time he hath exalted
The Galilee of the nations, beyond Jordan, by the way of the sea.

CHAP. IX.

1 The people, that walked in darkness,
Have seen a great light;
They that dwelled in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them hath the light shined.
2 Thou hast multiplied the nation,
Thou hast increased their joy:
They joy before thee, as with the joy of harvest;
As they rejoice, who divide the spoil.

3 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor, hast thou broken, as in the day of Midian.
4 For every greave of the warrior accoutred for battle,
And the garment rolled in blood,
Shall be for burning, as fuel for the fire.
5 For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given;
And the government shall be upon his shoulder:
And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
Mighty God, Father of eternity, Prince of peace.
6 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,
Upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom;
To fix it, and to establish it;
With judgment and with justice, henceforth and for ever:
The zeal of JEHOVAH of hosts will do this.

7 The LORD hath sent a word to Jacob;
And it hath lighted upon Israel:
8 And all this people shall know,
[Even] Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria;
Who in pride and arrogancy of heart do say:
9 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stone;

The sycamores are cut down, but we will substitute cedars.
10 Therefore shall JEHOVAH set up the adversaries of Rezin against him,
And shall arm his enemies;
11 Syria from before, and the Philistines from behind;
And they shall devour Israel with open mouth.
For all this his anger is not turned away;
But his hand is still stretched out.

12 For this people have not turned unto him who smote them;
And Jehovah of hosts have they not sought.
13 Therefore shall JEHOVAH cut off from Israel head and tail;
Branch and rush in one day:
14 The aged and honourable, they are the head;
And the prophet that teacheth falsehood, he is the tail.
15 For the leaders of this people lead them astray;
And they that are led by them shall be devoured.
16 Wherefore the Lord shall not rejoice over their young men,
And on their orphans, and their widows, he shall have no compassion.
For every one of them is a hypocrite and an evil-doer;
And every mouth speaketh folly.
For all this his anger is not turned away;
But his hand is still stretched out.

17 For wickedness burneth like a fire;
Brier and thorn it shall consume:
And it setteth on fire the thickets of the forest;
And they shall mount up in volumes of rising smoke.
18 Through the wrath of JEHOVAH of hosts is the land darkened;
And the people are as fuel of fire;
No man spareth his brother:
19 For he snatcheth on the right hand, yet is he hungry;
And devoureth on the left, yet is he not satisfied;
Each man devoureth the flesh of his own arm:
20 Manasseh Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh;
And they both are united together against Judah.
For all this his anger is not turned away;
But his hand is still stretched out.

CHAP. X.

1 Wo unto them, that decree unrighteous decrees;
And to the writers, that write grievousness:
2 To turn aside the needy from judgment;
And to rob of their right the poor of my people;
That widows may become their prey;
And that they may plunder the orphans.
3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation,
And in the desolation, which shall come from afar?
To whom will ye flee for succour?
And where will ye deposit your glory?
4 But they shall bow down in the place of prisoners,

Or in the place of the slain they shall fall.
For all this his anger is not turned away;
But his hand is still stretched out.

5 Wo unto the Assyrian, the rod of mine anger,
And the staff which is in their hand is mine indignation.
6 Against an ungodly nation will I send him;
And against people of my wrath will I commission him,
To gather spoil, and carry off prey;
And to trample them under foot like the mire of the streets.
7 But He doth not so purpose;
And his heart doth not so intend:
But to destroy is in his heart;
And to cut off nations not a few.
8 For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?
9 Is not Calno as Carchemish?
Is not Hamath as Arpad?
Is not Samaria as Damascus?
10 As my hand hath seized the kingdoms of the idols,
Whose graven images did excel those of Jerusalem and Samaria;
11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols,
Do also unto Jerusalem, and her images?
12 But it shall be, when the Lord hath performed his whole work,
Upon mount Zion, and upon Jerusalem:

I will punish the fruit of the proud heart of the
king of Assyria;
And the glory of his high looks.
13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand have
I done it;
And by my wisdom; for I am instructed in
wisdom.
And I have removed the boundaries of peoples,
And I have plundered their hoarded treasures;
And I have overthrown the inhabitants, like a
valiant man.
14 And my hand hath found as a nest, the riches
of the nations:
And as one gathereth eggs that are left,
Have I gathered the whole earth;
And there was no one that moved the wing;
Or that opened the beak, or that chirped.
15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that
heweth therewith?
Shall the saw magnify itself against him that
moveth it?
As if the rod should wield him, that lifteth it up;
As if the staff should lift up its master.
16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send
Upon his fat ones leanness.
And under his glory shall he kindle a flame,
Like the flame of fire.
17 And the light of Israel shall become a fire,
And his Holy One a flame;
And he shall burn and consume his thorn,

And his brier in one day.
18 Even the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field,
From the soul even unto the flesh, shall he consume;
And it shall be as when a sick person fainteth.
19 And the remainder of the trees of his forest shall be few,
So that a child may count them.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day,
No more shall the remnant of Israel,
And such as are escaped of the house of Jacob,
Stay upon him that smote them:
But shall stay upon Jehovah,
The Holy One of Israel, in truth.
21 A remnant shall return, a remnant of Jacob,
Unto the mighty God.
22 For though thy people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea,
A remnant of them only shall return.
Destruction hath been decreed,
Overflowing with justice;
23 For a devastation, even the judgment decreed,
Shall the Lord, JEHOVAH of hosts, accomplish
In the midst of the whole land.
24 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts:
Fear not, O my people that dwellest in Zion, because of the Assyrian:

With his rod he shall smite thee,
And his staff he shall lift up against thee, after the manner of Egypt.
25 For yet a very little while, and indignation shall cease;
And mine anger [be turned] towards their destruction.
26 And JEHOVAH of hosts, shall stir up a scourge for him,
Like the smiting of Midian at the rock of Oreb,
And like his rod over the sea;
Yea he will lift it up, after the manner of Egypt.
27 And it shall come to pass in that day,
His burden shall be removed from off thy shoulder,
And his yoke from off thy neck:
And the yoke shall be destroyed on account of fatness.

28 He is come to Aiath; he hath passed through Migron;
At Michmas he hath laid up his baggage.
29 They are gone over the passage; at Geba they have taken up their lodging:
Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul hath fled.
30 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim!
Listen in the direction of Laish, O afflicted Anathoth!
31 Madmena is gone away; the inhabitants of Gebim have fled.

32 Yet this day will he abide in Nob:
He shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion,
The hill of Jerusalem.
33 Behold the Lord, JEHOVAH of hosts,
Shall lop the bough with a dreadful crash;
And the high of stature shall be cut down,
And the lofty shall be brought low:
34 And he shall hew the thickets of the forest with iron,
And Lebanon shall fall by a mighty hand.

CHAP. XI.

1 BUT there shall come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse;
And a shoot from his root shall produce fruit.
2 And the spirit of JEHOVAH shall rest upon him;
The spirit of wisdom, and understanding;
The spirit of counsel, and might;
The spirit of knowledge, and the fear of JEHOVAH.
3 And his delight shall be in the fear of JEHOVAH.
So that according to the sight of his eyes shall he not judge;
Neither give sentence according to the hearing of his ears;
4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor,
And with equity shall he give sentence to the meek of the earth.

And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,
And with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,
And faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
6 Then shall the wolf take up his abode with the lamb;
And the leopard shall lie down with the kid:
And the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling shall be together;
And a little child shall lead them.
7 And the heifer and the bear shall feed together;
Together shall their young ones lie down;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 And the sucking child shall play at the hole of the asp;
And upon the den of the basilisk shall the newly-weaned child lay his hand.
9 They shall not hurt, nor destroy in all my holy mountain;
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of JEHOVAH,
As the waters cover the sea.
10 And it shall come to pass in that day,
The root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign to the peoples,
Unto him shall the Gentiles repair,
And his place of rest shall be glorious.
11 And it shall come to pass in that day,

The Lord shall again the second time put forth
his hand,
To recover the remnant of his people,
That remaineth, from Assyria, and from Egypt;
And from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from
Elam;
And from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from
the Islands of the sea.
12 And he shall lift up an ensign to the nations;
And he shall gather the outcasts of Israel,
And the dispersed of Judah shall he collect,
From the four extremities of the earth.
13 And the jealousy of Ephraim shall depart;
And the adversaries in Judah shall be cut off;
Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah;
Neither shall Judah be at enmity with Ephraim.
14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the
Philistines westward:
Together shall they spoil the children of the
East:
On Edom and Moab they shall lay their hand;
And the sons of Ammon shall obey them.
15 And JEHOVAH shall devote to destruction the
tongue of the sea of Egypt;
And he shall shake his hand over the river with
his vehement wind;
And he shall strike it into seven streams,
So that one may pass over it dry-shod.
16 And there shall be a high-way for the remnant
of his people,

Which shall remain from Assyria;
As there was unto Israel,
In the day when he came up from the land of Egypt.

CHAP. XII.

1 And in that day thou shalt say:
I will praise thee, O Jehovah; for though thou hast been angry with me,
Thine anger is turned away, and thou hast comforted me.
2 Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid:
For my strength, and my song, is the Lord Jehovah;
And he is become my salvation.
3 And ye shall draw waters with joy
From the fountains of salvation.
4 And ye shall say in that day:
Praise Jehovah; call upon his name;
Make known among the peoples his mighty deeds:
5 Sing ye unto Jehovah; for he hath wrought a stupendous work:
This is known in all the earth.
6 Cry aloud, and shout for joy, O inhabitress of Zion!
For great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.

CHAP. XIII.

THE ORACLE CONCERNING BABYLON, WHICH WAS REVEALED TO ISAIAH, THE SON OF AMOZ.

2 UPON a lofty mountain erect the standard;
Exalt the voice unto them; beckon with the hand;
That they may enter the gates of princes.
3 To my appointed ones I have given command;
I have also called my strong ones to execute my wrath;
My proudly exulting ones.
4 Hark! a sound of a multitude in the mountains, as of a great people;
A sound of the tumult of kingdoms, of nations gathered together!
JEHOVAH of hosts mustereth the armies for the battle.
5 They come from a far country, from the end of the heavens;
JEHOVAH, and the instruments of his wrath, to destroy the whole land.
6 Howl ye, for the day of JEHOVAH is at hand:
As a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.
7 Therefore shall all hands be slackened,
And every heart of mortal shall melt;
8 And they shall be terrified: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them;

As a woman in travail shall they be in pain :
They shall look one upon another with astonishment ;
Faces of flames shall be their faces.
9 Behold, the day of JEHOVAH cometh, cruel,
And full of fury and burning anger;
To make the earth a desolation;
And her sinners he shall destroy from out of her.
10 For the stars of heaven, and the constellations thereof,
Shall not send forth their light:
The sun is darkened at his going forth,
And the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
11 And I will punish the world for its evil,
And the wicked for their iniquity:
And I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease ;
And I will lay low the haughtiness of tyrants.
12 I will make a mortal more precious than gold;
Yea a man, than the gold of Ophir.
13 Wherefore I will make the heavens tremble,
And the earth shall be shaken out of her place ;
During the indignation of JEHOVAH of hosts;
And in the day of his burning anger.
14 Then shall every one be, as a roe chased;
And as sheep, when there is no one to gather them together;
They shall look, each man towards his own people;
And they shall flee, every one to his own land.

15 Every one, that is overtaken, shall be thrust through;
And all that are rallied together shall fall by the sword.
16 And their infants shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes;
Their houses shall be plundered, and their wives ravished.
17 Behold, I stir up against them the Medes;
Who shall hold silver of no account;
And as for gold, they shall not delight in it.
18 Their bows shall dash the young men;
And on the fruit of the womb they shall have no mercy:
Their eye shall have no pity even on the children.
19 And Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms,
The glory of the pride of the Chaldeans,
Shall be as Sodom and Gomorrah, which God overthrew.
20 It shall not be inhabited for ever;
Nor shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation:
Neither shall the Arabian pitch his tent there;
Neither shall the shepherds make their flocks to rest there.
21 But there shall the wild beasts of the deserts couch them down;
And yelling creatures shall fill their houses;
And there shall the daughters of the ostrich dwell;

And there shall the satyrs lead their dances.
22 And wolves shall howl to one another in their palaces;
And jackals in their temples of pleasure.
And her time is near to come;
And her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAP. XIV.

1 For JEHOVAH will have compassion on Jacob,
And will yet choose Israel.
And he will settle them in their own land,
And the stranger shall be joined unto them,
And they shall cleave unto the house of Jacob.
2 And the nations shall take them, and bring them into their own place;
And the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of JEHOVAH,
As servants, and as handmaids:
And they shall take them captives, whose captives they were;
And they shall rule over their oppressors.
3 And it shall come to pass in that day, when JEHOVAH shall give thee rest from thine affliction, and from thy disquiet, and from the hard
4 labour which was imposed upon thee; that thou shalt take up this parable against the king of Babylon; and shalt say:

How hath the oppressor ceased!
She that exacted gold ceased!

5 JEHOVAH hath broken the staff of the wicked,
The rod of the tyrants.
6 He that smote the people in wrath,
A smiting without intermission;
He that ruled the nations in anger,
An oppression without restraint.
7 The whole earth is at rest, is quiet;
They have burst forth into a joyful shout:
8 Even the fir-trees rejoice over thee,
And the cedars of Lebanon:
Since thou art laid down,
No feller hath come up against us.
9 Hades from beneath is moved because of thee,
To meet thy coming:
It stirreth up for thee the shades of all the chiefs of the earth;
It maketh to rise from their thrones, all the kings of the nations.
10 All these shall speak, and say unto thee:
Art thou also become weak as we?
Art thou become like unto us?
11 Thy pomp is brought down to Hades,
The sounding of thy viols:
Under thee is spread the worm,
And thy covering the maggot.
12 How art thou fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer, son of the morning!
Cut down to the earth,
Thou that didst triumph over the nations!

13 Yet thou didst say in thy heart, I will ascend
the heavens;
Above the stars of God I will exalt my throne;
And I will sit upon the mount of the assembly,
in the farthest regions of the North:
14 I will ascend above the heights of the cloud;
I will be like the Most High.
15 Nay, but thou shalt be brought down to the grave,
To the lowest depths of the pit.
16 Those that see thee shall look attentively at
thee;
They shall meditate upon thee:
Is this the man that made the earth to tremble?
That shook the kingdoms?
17 That made the world like a wilderness,
And destroyed the cities thereof?
That loosed not his prisoners homeward?
18 All the kings of the nations, all of them,
Lie down in splendour, each in his own sepulchre:
19 But thou art cast away deprived of thy grave,
As a branch that is cast away;
Covered with the slain, pierced by the sword,
Who shall soon go down to the stones of the pit,
As a carcase trodden under foot.
20 Thou shalt not be joined unto them in burial;
Because thou hast destroyed thy country, hast
slain thy people:
The seed of evil doers shall not be named for
ever.
21 Prepare slaughter for his children,

For the iniquity of their fathers;
Lest they rise, and possess the earth,
And disturbers fill the face of the world.
22 For I will rise up against them, saith JEHOVAH of hosts,
I will cut off from Babylon name and remnant;
And son and grandson, saith JEHOVAH.
23 And I will make it a place of inheritance for the porcupine, and pools of water;
And I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith JEHOVAH of hosts.
24 JEHOVAH of hosts hath sworn, saying,
Surely as I have devised, so shall it be;
And as I have purposed, it shall stand:
25 To crush the Assyrian in my land,
And upon my mountains will I trample him:
Then shall his yoke depart from off them,
And his burden shall be removed from off their shoulder.
26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth;
And this is the hand, which is stretched out over all the nations.
27 For JEHOVAH of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it?
And as to his hand, that is stretched out, who shall turn it back?

28 IN THE YEAR, IN WHICH AHAZ THE KING DIED, THIS ORACLE WAS DELIVERED.

29 REJOICE not, O Philistia, through thy extent,
Because the rod, that smote thee, is broken :
For from the root of the serpent shall come forth
a basilisk;
And his fruit shall be a flying serpent.
30 And the first-born of the poor shall feed,
And the needy shall lie down in safety:
But I will kill thy root with famine,
And thy remnant shall he slay.
31 Howl, O gate ; cry out, O city !
O Philistia, thou art altogether agitated !
For from the North cometh a smoke ;
And no one standeth aloof from among his troop.
32 And what shall one answer the ambassadors of
the nations ?
That JEHOVAH hath founded Zion;
And the poor of his people shall take refuge
in her.

CHAP. XV.

THE ORACLE CONCERNING MOAB.

SURELY in a destructive night shall Ar of Moab
be cut off;
Surely in a destructive night shall Kir of Moab
be cut off.
2 He goeth up to Baith and Debon, the high
places, to weep:
Over Nebo, and over Medeba, shall Moab howl:
On every head there is baldness; every beard
is shorn.

3 In their streets they gird themselves with sack-
cloth;
On their house-tops, and in their main-streets,
Every one shrieketh, melting into tears.
4 And Heshbon crieth out, and Elealeh;
Unto Jahaz is their voice heard:
Therefore do the warriors of Moab wail;
Their soul shuddereth within them.
5 My heart crieth out for Moab,
Her fugitives wander even unto Zoar,
Unto Eglath-Schalischiia;
Yea the ascent of Luhith with weeping shall
they ascend;
Yea in the way of Horonaim shall they raise a
cry of destruction.
6 For the waters of Nimrim shall become desolate:
For the pasture is withered, the tender plant
faileth, the green herb is no more.
7 Therefore the remnant which they possess,
And that which they have laid up;
Shall they carry off to the valley of willows.
8 For the cry is gone round the borders of Moab;
Unto Eglaim her lamentation;
And to Beer-Elim her lamentation.
9 Yea the waters of Dimon are full of blood:
Yet will I bring more evils upon Dimon;
Upon the escaped of Moab a lion,
And upon the remnant of the land.

CHAP. XVI.

1 SEND forth the lambs of the ruler of the land,
From Selah of the desert,
To the mount of the daughter of Zion.
2 For it shall be, that as a wandering bird, a nest forsaken,
So shall the daughters of Moab be at the fords of Arnon:

3 Impart counsel; execute justice;
Make thy shadow like unto the night, in the midst of noon-day:
Hide the out-casts; betray not the fugitives.
4 Let my out-casts, the Moabites, dwell with thee;
Be thou to them a covert from the destroyer:
For the oppressor is no more, the destroyer ceaseth;
He that trampled you under foot is perished from the land.
5 And the throne shall be established in mercy,
And thereon shall be seated in truth,
In the tabernacle of David a judge;
Who will carefully search out the right,
And promptly execute justice.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud;
His haughtiness, and his pride, and his anger:
Vain are his lies.
7 Therefore shall Moab lament over Moab,

Every one shall lament;
For the fortifications of Kir-haraseth shall ye moan;
Verily! ye the deeply afflicted.
8 For the fields of Heshbon languish,
The vine of Sibmah, the lords of the nations have broken down the fruitful tendrils thereof;
Unto Jazer did they reach, they wandered over the desert,
Her branches extended themselves, they passed over the sea.
9 Therefore I will weep, with the weeping of Jazer, for the vine of Sibmah;
I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh!
For the shouting for thy summer fruits, and for thy harvest is fallen.
10 And joy and gladness is taken away from the fruitful field;
And in the vineyards there shall be no more singing, nor any more shouting:
Wine in the vats the treader shall no longer tread;
The shout of joy I have made to cease.
11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like a harp for Moab;
And mine inward parts for Kirhares.
12 And it shall be, when it is seen
That Moab hath wearied himself out on the high place,
Then shall he enter into his sanctuary to pray;

But he shall not prevail.
13 This is the word, which JEHOVAH spake
14 concerning Moab long ago; but now JEHOVAH
hath spoken, saying:
After three years, as the years of an hireling,
The glory of Moab shall be debased,
With all his great multitude;
And the remnant shall be very small, and feeble.

CHAP. XVII.

THE ORACLE CONCERNING DAMASCUS.

BEHOLD, Damascus is removed from being a city;
And it shall become a ruinous heap.
2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken:
They shall be for flocks,
And they shall lie down, and none shall scare them away.
3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim.
And the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria:
They shall be as the glory of the children of Israel,
Saith JEHOVAH of hosts.
4 And it shall come to pass in that day,
The glory of Jacob shall be diminished,
And the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.
5 And it shall be as when a reaper gathereth the standing corn,
And his arm reapeth the ears of corn;

Or as when one gleaneth the ears in the valley
of Rephaim.
6 A gleaning only shall be left in it, as in the
shaking of an olive tree;
Two or three berries on the top of the upper-
most bough;
Four or five on the fruitful branches thereof:
Saith JEHOVAH the God of Israel.
7 In that day shall a man regard his Maker,
And toward the Holy One of Israel shall his
eyes look:
8 And he shall not regard the altars, the work of
his hands;
And what his fingers have made, he shall not
respect;
Neither the idols, nor the images.
9 In that day shall his strongly fenced cities
become
Like the gleanings of the forest, and the top-
most branches,
Which they leave for the children of Israel;
And there shall be utter desolation.
10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy
salvation,
And hast not remembered the rock of thy
strength;
Therefore thou shalt plant lovely plantations,
And engraft foreign shoots upon them;
11 In the day shalt thou make thy plants to
grow,

And in the morning shalt thou make thy seed
to flourish;
Harvest in the day of possession flieth away,
And painful is the disaster.

12 Ah! the noise of many people;
They make a noise like the noise of the seas:
And ah! the rushing of nations;
They make a rushing like the rushing of mighty
waters.
13 Ah! the rushing of nations; like the rushing
of mighty waters do they rush:
But He shall rebuke them, and they shall flee
far away;
And they shall be driven, like the chaff of the
hills before the wind,
And as the dust before the whirlwind.
14 At eveningtide, behold terror!
Before the morning, and he is no more!
This is the portion of those that spoil us;
And the lot of those that plunder us.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Ho! thou land that makest a loud noise with
[thy] wings,
Which is beyond the rivers of Cush;
2 Which sendeth ambassadors along the sea;
And in vessels of papyrus on the face of the
waters:
Go, ye swift messengers,

To a nation strong and violent,
To a people terrible; and still farther,
To a nation very strong and fierce,
Whose lands the rivers overflow.
3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on earth,
When the standard is lifted up on the mountains, behold!
And when the trumpet is sounded, hear!
4 For thus hath JEHOVAH said unto me:
I will sit still, and I will look on in my dwelling-place,
Like a clear heat in the sun-shine,
Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.
5 For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect,
And the flower is become a ripening grape,
He shall cut off the branches with pruning hooks,
And the shoots he shall take away, he shall cut down.
6 They shall be left together unto the rapacious bird of the mountains;
And to the wild beast of the earth:
And the rapacious bird shall summer upon them,
And every wild beast of the earth shall winter upon them.
7 At that time shall a present be brought to JEHOVAH of hosts,
From a people strong and violent,
And from a people terrible; and still farther,
From a nation very strong and fierce,

Whose lands the rivers overflow;
To the place of the name of JEHOVAH of hosts,
the mount Zion.

CHAP. XIX.

THE ORACLE CONCERNING EGYPT.

BEHOLD, JEHOVAH rideth
On a swift cloud, and cometh to Egypt!
And the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his
presence;
And the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst
of her;
2 And I will excite Egyptians against Egyptians,
And they shall fight, every man against his
brother, and every man against his neighbour:
City against city, kingdom against kingdom.
3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst
thereof;
And I will swallow up her counsel:
And they shall seek to the idols, and to the
sorcerers,
And to the necromancers, and to the wizards.
4 And I will deliver up Egypt into the hands of
a cruel lord,
And a fierce king shall rule over them:
Saith the Lord JEHOVAH of hosts.
5 Then shall the waters fail from the sea,
And the river shall be wasted and dried up:
6 And the rivers shall become putrid,

The canals of Egypt shall be emptied and dried up,
The reed and the weed shall wither:
7 The meadows by the river, even at the mouth of the river,
And every thing sown by the river,
Shall be dried up, scattered away like dust, and be no more.
8 And the fishers shall mourn, and lament;
All they that cast the angle into the river,
And they that spread nets on the face of the waters shall languish.
9 And the workers of combed flax shall be confounded,
And they that weave fine silk.
10 And her foundations are broken in pieces;
And all workers for hire are afflicted in soul.
11 Surely, the princes of Zoan are fools:
As for the wise counsellors of Pharaoh,
[Their] counsel is become foolish.
How will ye say unto Pharaoh,
I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?
12 Where are they; where, thy wise men?
And let them tell thee now, if they know,
What JEHOVAH of hosts hath determined against Egypt.
13 The princes of Zoan are become foolish, the princes of Noph are deceived;
And they have caused Egypt to err, even the heads of her tribes.

14 JEHOVAH hath mingled in the midst of her a
spirit of giddiness;
And they have caused Egypt to err in all her
works,
As a drunkard staggereth in his vomit.
15 Neither shall there be done by Egypt any
work,
Which the head or tail, the branch or rush, may
perform.
16 In that day the Egyptians shall be as women;
And they shall tremble and fear,
At the shaking of the hand of JEHOVAH of hosts,
Which he shall shake over them.
17 And the land of Judah shall become a terror
to the Egyptians:
Whosoever shall call it to his remembrance
shall fear;
Because of the counsel of JEHOVAH of hosts,
Which he hath counselled against them.
18 In that day, there shall be five cities in the
land of Egypt,
Speaking the language of Canaan,
And swearing by JEHOVAH of hosts:
The city of destruction shall be the name of
one of them.
19 In that day, there shall be an altar to JEHOVAH,
In the midst of the land of Egypt;
And a pillar at the boundary thereof to JEHOVAH:
20 And it shall be for a sign, and for a witness,
To JEHOVAH of hosts in the land of Egypt;

For that they cried unto JEHOVAH because of oppressors,
And he sent unto them a saviour, and a vindicator, and he delivered them.
21 And JEHOVAH shall be known to Egypt,
And the Egyptians shall know JEHOVAH in that day;
And they shall offer up sacrifice and oblation,
And they shall vow a vow unto JEHOVAH, and shall perform it.
22 And JEHOVAH shall smite Egypt, smiting and healing her;
And they shall turn unto JEHOVAH, and he will be entreated by them, and will heal them.
23 In that day, there shall be a highway from Egypt towards Assyria;
And the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria:
And the Egyptian shall worship with the Assyrian.
24 In that day, shall Israel be a third [nation]
To Egypt and Assyria;
A blessing in the midst of the earth:
25 Whom JEHOVAH of hosts hath blessed, saying,
Blessed be my people, Egypt;
And Assyria, the work of my hands;
And Israel mine inheritance.

CHAP. XX.

1 In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, whither he was sent by Sargon, king of Assyria,
2 and fought against Ashdod and took it: at that time Jehovah spake by Isaiah, the son of Amoz, saying, Go, loose the sackcloth from off thy loins; and put off thy shoes from thy feet. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.
3 And Jehovah said, As my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot; three years a sign and wonder, against Egypt and against Cush;
4 so shall the king of Assyria lead the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Cush, the young and the old, naked and barefoot with their hind-parts uncovered, to the shame of the
5 Egyptians. And they shall be terrified, and ashamed of Cush, their expectation; and of
6 Egypt their glory. And the inhabitant of that region shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation; whither we fled for help, to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

CHAP. XXI.

THE ORACLE CONCERNING THE DESERT OF THE SEA.

LIKE the southern tempests violently rushing along,
From the desert he cometh, from a terrible land.
2 A dreadful vision hath been revealed unto me:
The treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth!
Go up, O Elam; form the siege, O Media!
All her sighing have I made to cease.
3 Therefore are my loins filled with dreadful pain;
Anguish hath seized me, as the anguish of a woman in travail:
I am convulsed, so that I cannot hear; I am astonished, so that I cannot see.
4 My heart is bewildered; terrors have fallen suddenly upon me:
The night, for which I longed, hath he turned into fear unto me.
5 The table is prepared, the watch is set; they eat, they drink;
Arise, ye princes; anoint the shield.
6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me:
Go, set a watchman on his station;
Whatever he shall see, let him report.
7 And he beheld riders, even a pair of horsemen;

Riders on asses, riders on camels:
And he hearkened diligently with much heed.
8 And he cried out [like] a lion:
O my lord, I keep my station on the watch all the day long;
And on my ward have I continued every night.
9 And behold! there come riders, even a pair of horsemen;
And they answered and said, Babylon hath fallen, hath fallen;
And all the sculptured images of her gods have they broken in pieces against the ground.
10 O my threshing, and the corn of my floor!
What I have heard of JEHOVAH of hosts, the God of Israel,
That I have declared unto you.

11 THE ORACLE CONCERNING DUMAH.

A VOICE crieth unto me from Seir:
Watchman, what of the night?
Watchman, what of the night?
12 The watchman said;
The morning cometh, and also the night.
If ye will inquire, inquire ye: come again.

13 THE ORACLE AGAINST ARABIA.

IN the wilderness in Arabia shall ye lodge,
O ye travelling companies of Dedan!

14 To meet the thirsty, bring ye forth water,
O inhabitants of the land of Tema!
With his bread do ye approach the wanderer.
15 For from the face of the sword have they fled,
From the face of the drawn sword;
And from the face of the bended bow;
And from the face of the grievousness of war.
16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me:
Within yet a year, as the years of a hireling,
All the glory of Kedar shall fail:
17 And the residue of the number of the mighty bowmen,
Of the sons of Kedar, shall be diminished:
For JEHOVAH, the God of Israel, hath spoken it.

CHAP. XXII.

THE ORACLE CONCERNING THE VALLEY OF VISION.

WHAT aileth thee now, that thou art gone up, all of thee to the house-tops?
2 O thou, that wast full of noise,
A tumultuous city, a joyous city!
Thy slain are not slain by the sword,
Neither are they dead in battle.
3 All thy leaders who fled away together, have been taken by the archers;
All that were found in thee have been taken together, even they who had fled from far.
4 Wherefore I said: Turn away from me; I will weep bitterly:

Labour not to comfort me for the desolation of
the daughter of my people.
5 For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down,
and of perplexity;
The day of the Lord, JEHOVAH of hosts, in the
valley of vision;
They break down the wall,
And the outcry for help pierceth unto the
mountains.
6 And Elam beareth the quiver,
With chariots of men and horsemen;
And Kir uncovereth the shield.
7 And it came to pass, that thy choicest valleys
were filled with chariots;
And the horsemen did set themselves in array
against the gate.
8 And when he removed the veil of Judah,
Thou didst look in that day to the armour of the
house of the forest.
9 Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of
David, that they have multiplied;
And ye collected together the waters of the lower
pool;
10 And ye have numbered the houses of Je-
rusalem;
And the houses have ye broken down to fortify
the wall:
11 Ye have made also a reservoir for water between
the two walls,
For the water of the old pool.

But ye have not looked unto him, that hath disposed this;
And him that formed it of old, ye have not regarded.
12 And in that day did the Lord, JEHOVAH of hosts, call
To weeping and to lamentation;
And to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth:
13 And behold, joy and gladness,
Slaying of oxen, and killing of sheep;
Eating of flesh, and drinking of wine:
Let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die.
14 And the voice of JEHOVAH of hosts was revealed to mine ears:
Surely this your iniquity shall not be expiated, till ye die:
Saith the Lord, JEHOVAH of hosts.

15 Thus saith the Lord, JEHOVAH of hosts:
Go, get thee to this treasurer, unto Shebna, who is over the household; [and say:]
16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here?
That thou hast hewn out here a sepulchre for thyself?
O thou that hewest out thy sepulchre on high,
That gravest in the rock an habitation for thyself!
17 Behold, JEHOVAH casteth thee down with a mighty overthrow;

And seizing he seizeth thee :
18 He shall roll thee up like a ball,
And whirl thee into a wide country :
There shalt thou die; and there shall thy glorious chariots be;
O thou the shame of the house of thy lord !
19 And I will drive thee from thy station,
And from thy state shall he pull thee down.
20 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That I will call my servant,
Even Eliakim the son of Hilkiah :
21 And I will clothe him with thy robe,
And strengthen him with thy girdle :
And thy government will I commit to his hand ;
And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
And to the house of Judah :
22 And I will lay the key of the house of David upon his shoulder;
And he shall open, and none shall shut;
And he shall shut, and none shall open.
23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place;
And he shall become a glorious seat for his father's house.
24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house,
The offspring of high and of low degree;
Every small vessel; from every sort of goblets,
To every sort of meaner vessels.
25 In that day, saith JEHOVAH of hosts,

The nail once fastened in a sure place shall be moved;
And it shall be cut down, and it shall fall;
And the burden, which was upon it, shall be cut off:
For JEHOVAH hath spoken it.

CHAP. XXIII.

THE ORACLE CONCERNING TYRE.

HOWL, O ye ships of Tarshish!
For she is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in:
From the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.
2 Be silent, O ye inhabitants of the sea-coast:
The merchants of Sidon, they that pass over the sea, crowded thee.
3 And upon the mighty waters the seed of Sihor,
The harvest of the Nile, was her revenue;
And she was the mart of nations.
4 Be thou ashamed, O Sidon; for the sea hath spoken,
Even the fortress of the sea, saying:
I have travailed not, nor brought forth children;
Neither have I nourished youths, nor reared up virgins.
5 When the tidings shall reach Egypt,
They shall be seized with anguish at the tidings of Tyre.

6 Pass ye over to Tarshish;
Howl, O ye inhabitants of the sea-coast!
7 Is this your joyous city;
Whose antiquity is of ancient days?
Her own feet bear her far away to sojourn.
8 Who hath purposed this against Tyre, the dispenser of crowns;
Whose merchants were princes,
Her traders the honourable of the earth!
9 JEHOVAH of hosts hath purposed it;
To defile the pride of all beauty;
To make contemptible all the honourable of the earth.
10 Pass over to thy land, as the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish!
There is now no defence left.
11 He hath stretched his hand over the sea;
He hath caused the kingdoms to tremble:
JEHOVAH hath issued a command concerning Canaan,
To destroy her strong holds.
12 And he hath said: Thou shalt no more rejoice,
O thou oppressed virgin, the daughter of Sidon!
Arise, pass over to Chittim; even there thou shalt have no rest.
13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans;
This people was of no account:
(The Assyrian founded it for the inhabitants of the desert;
They raised its watch-towers;

They erected its palaces :)
That land hath reduced her to a ruin.
14 Howl, O ye ships of Tarshish !
For your strong hold is destroyed.
15 And it shall come to pass in that day ;
That Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years,
According to the days of one king :
At the end of seventy years,
Shall Tyre sing as a harlot.
16 Take the harp, go about the city,
Thou harlot that wast forgotten ;
Touch skilfully the strings : sing many songs ;
that thou mayest again be remembered.
17 And it shall come to pass at the end of seventy years,
That JEHOVAH will visit Tyre,
And she shall return to her gainful practice ;
And she shall play the harlot with all the kingdoms of the world,
That are upon the face of the earth.
18 But her traffic, and her gain, shall be holy to JEHOVAH :
It shall not be treasured up, nor shall it be kept in store ;
For her traffic shall be for them that dwell before JEHOVAH,
To eat sufficiently, and for beautiful clothing.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 BEHOLD, JEHOVAH is about to empty the
land, and to make it waste;
Yea, he will turn it upside down, and scatter
abroad its inhabitants.
2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the
priest;
As with the servant, so with his master;
As with the handmaid, so with her mistress;
As with the buyer, so with the seller;
As with the lender, so with the borrower;
As with the debtor, so with the creditor.
3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly
spoiled;
For JEHOVAH hath spoken this word.
4 The land mourneth, it withereth;
The world languisheth, it withereth;
The high people of the land do languish.
5 The land is even polluted under her inhabitants;
For they have transgressed the laws, they have
changed the decree;
They have broken the everlasting covenant.
6 Therefore doth a curse devour the land;
And the inhabitants thereof suffer punishment.
Therefore the inhabitants of the land are burnt up;
And men are left few in number.
7 The new wine mourneth; the vine languisheth;
And the merry-hearted do sigh.
8 The joy of tabors hath ceased;

The noise of them that rejoice hath ended;
The joy of the harp hath ceased.
9 They shall not drink wine in the song;
Strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.
10 A desolate city is broken to pieces;
Every house is shut up, so that none can enter.
11 There is a crying for wine in the streets,
All gladness is vanishing away;
The joy of the land is gone.
12 In the city is left desolation;
And the gate is battered down with a crash.
13 For thus it shall be in the midst of the land, among the people;
As the shaking of an olive tree; as the gleaning when the harvest is finished.
14 They shall lift up their voice,
They shall sing for the majesty of JEHOVAH;
They shall rejoice from the sea.
15 Wherefore in the eastern parts, glorify ye JEHOVAH;
In the isles of the sea, the name of JEHOVAH, the God of Israel.
16 From the uttermost part of the land, we have heard songs, Glory to the righteous!
But I said, My leanness, my leanness! Wo is me!
The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously;
Yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.
17 The terror, the pit, and the snare,
Are upon thee, O inhabitant of the land.

18 And it shall be, that whoso fleeth from the terror,
He shall fall into the pit;
And whoso cometh up out of the midst of the pit,
He shall be taken in the snare;
For the floodgates from on high are opened:
And the foundations of the earth tremble.
19 The earth is violently shaken;
The earth is utterly shattered to pieces;
The earth is moved exceedingly.
20 The earth reeleth to and fro like a drunkard;
And moveth this way and that like a hammock;
For her iniquity lieth heavy upon her;
And she shall fall, and rise no more.
21 And it shall come to pass in that day,
JEHOVAH shall punish on high the host that is on high;
And on earth the kings of the earth.
22 They shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered for the pit;
And shall be shut up in prison:
And after many days shall they be called to account.
23 And the moon shall be confounded, and the sun shall be ashamed;
When JEHOVAH of hosts shall reign
On mount Zion, and in Jerusalem;
And before his ancients in glory.

CHAP. XXV.

1 O JEHOVAH, thou art my God:
I will exalt thee; I will praise thy name:
For thou hast achieved wonderful things;
Counsels of old time with very faithfulness.
2 For thou hast made the city an heap;
The fortified town a ruin:
The palace of strangers to be no city;
That it should never be built up again.
3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee;
The city of the formidable nations shall fear thee;
4 For thou hast been a fortress to the poor;
A fortress to the needy in his distress:
A refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat;
When the anger of the tyrants is as a storm against the wall.
5 As a heat in a dry place, the tumult of the strangers shalt thou bring down;
As the heat by the shadow of a cloud, the triumphant song of the tyrants shall be brought low.
6 And JEHOVAH of hosts shall make,
For all the peoples, in this mountain,
A feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees:
Of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the lees well refined.
7 And He shall destroy in this mountain,
The covering that covereth the face of all the peoples;
And the veil which is spread over all the nations.

8 He shall utterly destroy death for ever;
And the Lord JEHOVAH shall wipe away the tear from off all faces;
And the reproach of his people shall he remove from off the whole earth:
For JEHOVAH hath spoken it.
9 In that day shall they say:
Behold, this is our God;
We have waited for him, and he hath saved us:
This is JEHOVAH; we have waited for him;
We will rejoice, and be glad, in his salvation.
10 For the hand of JEHOVAH shall rest in this mountain;
And Moab shall be trampled to pieces in his own country,
As straw is trampled in a dunghill.
11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst thereof,
As a swimmer spreadeth forth [his hands] in swimming;
And He shall humble his pride, together with the deceit of his hands.
12 And the bulwark of the lofty walls shall he bring down;
Lay low, and bring it to the ground, even to the dust.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city,
Salvation will He appoint for walls and bulwarks.
2 Open ye the gates that a righteous nation,
Which keepeth the truth, may enter in.
3 A well-established mind,
Wilt thou preserve in perfect peace;
For in thee it trusteth.
4 Trust ye in JEHOVAH for ever;
For JEHOVAH is the everlasting God, a rock of ages.
5 For he hath humbled those that dwell on high;
The lofty city, he hath brought her down:
He hath brought her down even to the ground;
He hath levelled her with the dust.
6 The foot shall trample upon her;
The feet of the afflicted, the steps of the needy.
7 The way of the righteous is perfectly straight;
Thou, most upright, levellest the path of the righteous.
8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O JEHOVAH, we have waited for thee;
To thy name, and the remembrance of thee, is the desire of our soul.
9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night;
Yea, with my inmost spirit in the morn have I sought thee.
For when thy judgments are in the earth,
The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.
10 Though mercy be shewn to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness:

In the land of rectitude he will deal perversely;
And will not regard the majesty of JEHOVAH.
11 JEHOVAH, thy hand is lifted up, yet will they not see:
But they shall see thy zeal for thy people, and shall be ashamed;
Yea, the fire shall burn up thine adversaries.
12 JEHOVAH, thou wilt ordain peace for us:
For thou hast wrought even all our works for us.
13 O JEHOVAH, our God!
Other lords, beside thee, have had dominion over us:
But through thee only will we henceforth make mention of thy name.
14 They are dead, they shall not live;
They are deceased, they shall not rise:
Because thou hast visited, and destroyed them;
And all the memorial of them thou hast abolished.
15 Thou hast added to the nation, O JEHOVAH;
Thou hast added to the nation; thou art glorified:
Thou hast extended far all the borders of the land.
16 O JEHOVAH, in affliction have they looked up to thee:
They poured out humble supplication, when thy chastening was upon them.
17 As a woman with child, when her delivery approacheth,
Is in pain, crieth out aloud, in her travail;
So have we been before thee, O JEHOVAH.
18 We have conceived, we have travailed,

When we gave birth, it was wind:
The land hath not been preserved,
Neither are the inhabitants of the country increased.
19 Let thy dead revive, and the dead bodies of my people rise again:
Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust!
For the dew of plants is thy dew;
And the earth shall bring forth the dead.
20 Come, O my people; retire into thy secret apartments;
And shut thy doors after thee:
Hide thyself as it were for a little moment;
Until the indignation be overpast.
21 For behold, JEHOVAH is going forth from his place;
To punish for his iniquity the inhabitant of the earth;
And the earth shall disclose her blood,
And shall no longer cover her slain.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 IN that day,
With his keen and great and powerful sword
Shall JEHOVAH punish Leviathan, the long-extended serpent,
And Leviathan, the winding serpent;
And shall slay the dragon that is in the deep.

2 IN that day,

Sing ye concerning the beloved vineyard:
3 I JEHOVAH do guard her,
I will water her every moment:
Lest any should injure her,
I will guard her night and day.
4 Anger is not in me:
Would that some one would give me the thorn and thistle in battle;
Then would I rush against them and burn them up together.
5 But if any one will lay hold of my strength,
He shall make peace with me;
Peace with me shall he make.
6 In time to come, Jacob shall take root;
Israel shall blossom and bud forth,
And fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 Hath He smitten him, as he smote them that smote him?
Or is he slain as those are slain, whom he slew?
8 With moderation did He punish her, by removing her far away;
When he swept her away by his violent storm, in the day of the east wind.
9 By this therefore is the guilt of Jacob expiated,
And assuredly this is the fruit of the removal of his sin;
When he shall cause all the stones of the altar
To be broken in sunder, like as limestones;

The images of Astarte and the statues of the sun shall no more stand up.
10 For the fortified city shall be desolate,
An habitation forsaken, and deserted as a wilderness.
There shall the bullock feed, and there shall he lie down;
And consume the branches thereof.
11 When her boughs are withered, they shall be broken off:
Women shall come, and set them on a blaze:
For it is a people void of understanding;
Wherefore he that made them will not have mercy on them,
And he that formed them will shew them no favour.
12 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That JEHOVAH will gather his fruit,
From the channel of the Euphrates,
To the stream of Egypt;
And ye shall be gleaned up,
One by one, O ye sons of Israel.
13 And it shall come to pass in that day;
The great trumpet shall be sounded;
And those shall come, who were perishing in the land of Assyria;
And the outcasts in the land of Egypt;
And they shall worship JEHOVAH,
In the holy mount, in Jerusalem.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Wo to the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim,
Even the fading flower, their glorious beauty,
Which is at the head of the rich valley of the men that are stupified with wine.
2 Behold the strong and mighty one of the Lord!
Like a storm of hail, a destructive tempest;
Like a flood of mighty and overflowing waters,
Shall he dash it to the ground with his mighty hand.
3 Under foot shall it be trodden down,
The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim.
4 The fading flower, their glorious beauty,
Which is at the head of the rich valley,
Shall be as an early fig before summer;
Which a man seeth, and, while it is scarcely in his hand, he swalloweth it up.

5 In that day shall JEHOVAH of hosts become a beauteous crown,
And glorious diadem, to the residue of his people;
6 And a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment;
And strength to them that turn back the battle to the gate.
7 But even these have erred through wine, and through strong drink they have reeled:

The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink;
They are overcome by wine; they have reeled through strong drink;
They have erred in vision, they have stumbled in judgment.
8 For all tables are full of filthy vomit;
So that no place is free.

9 Whom [say they] would he teach knowledge?
And to whom would he impart instruction?
Are we infants weaned from the milk?
Scarcely removed from the breasts?
10 For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept;
Line upon line, line upon line;
Here a little, and there a little.
11 Yea verily, by speakers of a strange language, and in a foreign tongue;
Will He speak to this people.
12 For when he said unto them:
This is the true rest; give ye rest unto the weary;
And this is the place of happiness; they would not hear.
13 But the word of JEHOVAH was unto them,
Precept upon precept, precept upon precept;
Line upon line, line upon line;
Here a little, and there a little:
That they should go on, and fall backward, and be broken;

And be snared; and taken.
14 Wherefore hear ye the word of JEHOVAH,
ye scoffers;
Ye rulers of this people which is in Jerusalem.
15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death;
And with the grave we have made an agreement:
The overflowing scourge, when it passeth through, shall not reach us:
For we have made lying our refuge;
And under falsehood have we hid ourselves.
16 Therefore thus saith the Lord JEHOVAH:
Behold, I have laid in Zion for a foundation a stone,
A tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation:
He that confideth in it shall not make haste.
17 And I will set judgment for a line,
And righteousness for a plummet;
And the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lying,
And the hiding place the waters shall overwhelm.
18 And your covenant with death shall be annulled;
And your agreement with the grave shall not stand:
When the overflowing scourge passeth through,
By it shall ye be beaten down.
19 As oft as it passeth through, shall it seize you;
For morning after morning shall it pass through,
By day and by night:
And even the report alone shall cause terror.

20 For the bed is too short, for one to stretch
himself out at length;
And the covering too narrow, for one to wrap
himself therein.
21 For as in mount Perazim, JEHOVAH will arise;
As in the valley of Gibeon, shall he be moved
with anger;
That he may perform his work, his strange work;
And execute his act, his strange act.
22 And now, give yourselves up to scoffing no more,
Lest your bands be tightened:
For devastation, even the judgment decreed
have I heard
From the Lord JEHOVAH of hosts, upon the
whole land.

23 Listen ye, and hear my voice;
Attend, and hearken unto my words.
24 Doth the husbandman plough all day long that
he may sow?
Doth he open, and break the clods of his ground?
25 Doth he not also, when he hath levelled the
surface thereof,
Cast abroad the dill, and scatter cummin,
And put in the choice wheat, and the picked
barley,
And the spelt in their proper ground?
26 For He instructeth him as to the right way;
His God it is that teacheth him.

27 For the dill is not threshed with the threshing sledge;
Nor is the wheel of the wain made to roll over the cummin:
But the dill is beaten with a staff,
And the cummin with a rod.
28 Bread-corn is threshed:
But not for ever will he continue thus to thresh it;
Though he driveth along the wheels of his wain,
And his horses, he will not bruise it to dust.
29 This also proceedeth from JEHOVAH of hosts;
Who is wonderful in counsel, great in wisdom.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Wo to Ariel, to Ariel,
The city where David dwelt!
Add ye year to year;
Let the feasts go round in their course.
2 Yet I will bring distress upon Ariel;
And there shall be mourning and sorrow:
And it shall be unto me as Ariel.
3 And I will encamp against thee round about,
And I will distress thee by a garrison;
And I will erect bulwarks against thee.
4 And thou shalt be brought low; thou shalt speak as from beneath the ground;
And as from out of the dust shall thy speech be heard in a low tone;
And thy voice shall come out of the ground, like that of a necromancer:

And from out of the dust shall thy speech
whisper.
5 But the multitude of thy strangers shall be like
the small dust;
And like the flitting chaff the multitude of the
tyrants:
Yea, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.
6 From JEHOVAH of hosts there shall be a sudden
visitation,
With thunder, and earthquake, and a mighty
voice;
With storm, and tempest, and flame of devouring
fire.
7 And like a dream, a night vision, shall be
The multitude of all the nations,
That fight against Ariel;
Even all that fight against her, and her fortresses,
And that distress her.
8 It shall even be,
As when a hungry man dreameth, and behold,
he eateth;
But he awaketh, and his soul is empty:
Or, as when a thirsty man dreameth, and behold,
he drinketh;
But he awaketh, and behold, he is faint, and
his soul hath a craving desire;
So shall the multitude of all nations be,
That fight against mount Zion.
9 Stare ye now, and wonder!
Be ye dazzled and blinded!

They are drunk, but not with wine;
They stagger, but not with strong drink.
10 For JEHOVAH hath poured upon you a spirit of deep sleep,
And he hath closed up your eyes:
The prophets, and the rulers, the seers hath he blindfolded.
11 So that the whole vision is to you,
As the words of a book sealed up;
Which men deliver to one that knoweth letters,
Saying, Read this, I pray thee;
And he saith, I cannot, for it is sealed up:
12 And the book is delivered to one that knoweth not letters,
Saying, Read this, I pray thee;
And he saith, I know not letters.
13 Wherefore the Lord said:
Forasmuch as this people draweth near me;
With their mouth and with their lips they honour me,
But their heart is far removed from me;
And their fear of me is a precept taught of men.
14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to deal wonderfully
With this people; so wonderfully and astonishingly,
That the wisdom of the wise shall perish,
And the understanding of the prudent shall disappear.

15 Wo unto them that seek with deep cunning
to hide their counsel from JEHOVAH;
Whose deeds are in the dark;
And they say,
Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?
16 O your perverseness!
Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay?
Shall the work say of the workman, He hath
not made me?
And shall the thing formed say of the former
of it, He hath no understanding?
17 Is it not yet a very little while,
And Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful
field,
And the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a
forest?
18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words
of this book;
And out of obscurity and out of darkness,
Shall the eyes of the blind see.
19 The meek also shall increase their joy in
JEHOVAH;
And the poor among men shall rejoice in the
Holy One of Israel.
20 For the oppressor hath ceased, and the scoffer
is no more;
And all that were watching to do evil are
utterly cut off:
21 They who would bring in a man guilty for a
word,

And lay snare for him when pleading his cause
in the gate;
And for nought turn aside the just.
22 Therefore thus saith JEHOVAH to the house
of Jacob,
He who hath redeemed Abraham:
Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
Neither shall his face any more wax pale:
23 For when his children shall see the work of my
hands,
Among themselves shall they sanctify my name:
They shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,
And shall fear the God of Israel.
24 They also that have erred in spirit shall be full
of understanding,
And murmurers shall learn knowledge.

CHAP. XXX.

1 WO unto the rebellious children, saith
JEHOVAH;
Who form counsels, but not from me;
And make oblations, but not by my spirit:
That they may add sin to sin.
2 Who set forward to go down to Egypt;
But have not inquired at my mouth:
To strengthen themselves with the strength of
Pharaoh;
And to trust in the shadow of Egypt.
3 But the strength of Pharaoh shall be your
shame;

And your trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.
4 When his princes were at Zoan;
And his ambassadors arrived at Hanes:
5 They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them;
Nor be an help nor profit;
But a shame and also a reproach.

6 THE ORACLE CONCERNING THE BEASTS OF THE SOUTH.

THROUGH a land of distress and difficulty,
From whence come the lioness and the lion,
The viper and the flying fiery serpent,
They carry on the shoulder of young asses their wealth;
And on the bunch of the camel their treasures;
To a people that shall not profit them:
7 For Egypt shall help in vain, and to no purpose;
Wherefore I have called her, RAHAB HEM SHABETH,

8 Now, go write it for them on a tablet;
And note it in a book:
That it might be for time to come;
For ever and ever.
9 For this is a rebellious people, lying children;
Children, who will not hear the law of JEHOVAH;
10 Who say to the seers, See not;
And to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things;

Speak unto us smooth things;
Prophesy deceits.
11 Get you out of the way;
Turn out of the path;
Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.
12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel:
Because ye have rejected this word;
And have trusted in oppression and perverseness;
And have stayed thereon:
13 Therefore this iniquity shall be unto you,
Like a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall;
Whose breaking cometh suddenly, in an instant.
14 And it shall be broken, as the breaking of a potter's vessel that is broken in pieces;
He shall not spare;
So that there shall not be found a sherd among its fragments,
To take up fire from the hearth,
Or to take water from the cistern.
15 Verily thus saith the Lord JEHOVAH, the Holy One of Israel:
In returning and rest should ye have been saved;
In quietness and in confidence should have been your strength;
But ye would not.
16 And ye said: Nay, but on horses will we flee;
Therefore shall ye certainly flee:
And on swift coursers will we ride;

Therefore shall they be made swift that pursue you.
17 One thousand, at the rebuke of one;
At the rebuke of five, [ten thousand of] you shall flee:
Till ye be left as a standard on the summit of a mountain;
And as a beacon on a hill.
18 Even for this shall JEHOVAH tarry, that he may be gracious unto you;
Even for this shall he withdraw himself, that he may have mercy upon you;
For JEHOVAH is a God of judgment;
Blessed are all they that wait for him.

19 Surely the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem!
Thou shalt weep no more:
He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry;
No sooner shall he hear it, than he will answer thee.
20 And the Lord shall give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction;
And thy teachers shall not be hid any more;
But thine eyes shall see thy teachers:
21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee,
Saying, This is the way; walk ye in it;
When ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

22 And ye shall defile the covering of your graven
images of silver,
And the clothing of your molten images of gold:
Thou shalt cast them away like a polluted
garment;
Thou shalt say unto them, Begone.
23 And he shall give rain for thy seed,
With which thou shalt sow thy ground;
And bread of the produce of the ground:
And it shall be abundant and plenteous.
And thy cattle shall feed in that day in large
pastures;
24 And the oxen, and the young asses, that till
the ground,
Shall eat clean provender,
Which hath been winnowed with the shovel
and with the fan.
25 And there shall be upon every high mountain,
And on every lofty hill,
Brooks, streams of water;
In the day of the great slaughter,
When the towers fall.
26 And the light of the moon shall be as the light
of the sun;
And the light of the sun shall be sevenfold,
As the light of seven days:
In the day when JEHOVAH shall bind up the
breach of his people;
And shall heal the wound, which his stroke
hath inflicted.

27 BEHOLD! the name of JEHOVAH cometh
from afar;
His wrath burneth, and the flame rageth violently:
His lips are filled with indignation;
And his tongue is as a consuming fire.
28 And his breath is like an overflowing torrent,
That reacheth to the middle of the neck;
To sift the nations with the sieve of destruction:
And there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the
people, to lead them astray.
29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night when the
feast is celebrated;
And gladness of heart, as when one marcheth
to the sound of the pipe;
To go to the mountain of JEHOVAH, to the
rock of Israel.
30 And JEHOVAH shall cause his glorious voice to
be heard,
And make the descending of his arm to be seen;
With indignant wrath, and with a flame of
consuming fire;
With a violent storm, and rushing showers,
and hailstones.
31 When at the voice of JEHOVAH the Assyrian
shall be beaten down;
[Then] with the rod He shall smite.
32 And wherever the appointed rod shall pass,
Which JEHOVAH shall cause to rest upon him;
It shall be accompanied with tabrets and harps;
And with fierce battles shall he fight against them.

33 For Tophet is ordained of old;
Even the same for the king is prepared;
He hath made it deep; he hath made it large;
The pile thereof, fire and wood in abundance:
The breath of JEHOVAH, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 WO unto them, that go down to Egypt for help;
And fix their stay on horses;
And rely on chariots, because they are many;
And on horsemen, because they are very strong;
But they look not unto the Holy One of Israel;
And unto JEHOVAH they do not resort.
2 Yet is He wise, and will bring evil;
And he will not set aside his word:
But will arise against the house of evil-doers;
And against the help of them that work iniquity.
3 Now the Egyptians are man, and not God;
And their horses are flesh, and not spirit:
And JEHOVAH shall stretch forth his hand;
And the helper shall stumble, and the holpen shall fall down;
And they all shall fail together.
4 For thus saith JEHOVAH unto me:
Like as a lion growleth,
Even the young lion, over his prey:
When the whole company of shepherds is called together against him,

At their voice he will not be terrified,
Nor at their tumult will he be humbled :
So shall JEHOVAH of hosts descend to fight,
For mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.
5 As birds hovering over their young;
So shall JEHOVAH of hosts protect Jerusalem ;
Protecting and delivering ; preserving and rescuing her.

6 Return unto him, from whom ye have deeply revolted,
O ye sons of Israel!
7 Verily in that day shall they cast away with contempt,
Every man his idols of silver, and his idols of gold ;
Which their own hands have made to be unto them a sin.
8 And the Assyrian shall fall by a sword not of man ;
Yea a sword not of mortal shall devour him.
And he shall flee from the face of the sword ;
And his choice youths shall become tributaries.
9 And through terror he shall pass by his strong hold ;
And his princes shall be afraid of the ensign :
Saith JEHOVAH, who hath his fire in Zion ;
And his furnace at Jerusalem.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 BEHOLD, a king shall reign in righteousness;
And princes shall rule with equity:
2 And a man shall be as an hiding-place from the wind,
And a covert from the tempest;
As rivers of water in a dry place;
And the shadow of a great rock in a weary land:
3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim;
And the ears of them that hear shall hearken.
4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge,
And the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.
5 The fool shall no longer be called honourable;
And the fraudulent shall no more be called liberal;
6 For the fool will still utter folly;
And his heart will work iniquity;
To practise impiety, and to speak wrong against JEHOVAH;
To make empty the soul of the hungry,
And the drink of the thirsty will he cause to fail.
7 As for the fraudulent, his instruments are evil;
He plotteth mischievous devices;
To destroy the oppressed with lying words;
Even when the poor man speaketh right.

8 But the generous will devise generous things;
And in generosity will he persevere.
9 O YE women that are at ease, arise, hear my voice!
Ye careless daughters, give ear unto my speech!
10 Many days and years shall ye be disquieted, O ye careless ones:
For the vintage hath failed, the gathering shall not come.
11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be disquieted, ye careless ones!
Strip ye, make ye bare; and gird sackcloth upon your loins;
12 Lamenting for the fields;
For the pleasant field, for the fruitful vine.
13 Over the land of my people, the thorn and the brier shall come up;
Yea over all the joyous houses, over the exulting city.
14 For the palace is deserted, the populous city is forsaken;
The hill and the watch-tower shall be for dens, for a long season;
A joy of wild asses, a pasture for the flocks;
15 Till the spirit from on high be poured out upon us;
And the wilderness become a fruitful field;
And the fruitful field be esteemed a forest.
16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness;
And righteousness reside in the fruitful field.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace;
And the fruit of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.
18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceful abode,
And in habitations secure,
And in resting-places undisturbed.
19 But it shall hail at the time when the forest is cut down;
And into a humble state shall the city fall.
20 Blessed are ye, who sow your seed upon all waters;
Who send forth the foot of the ox and the ass.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Wo unto thee that spoilest, and thou hast not been spoiled;
And that dealest treacherously, and they have not dealt treacherously with thee:
When thou hast ceased from spoiling, thou shalt be spoiled;
When thou hast made an end of dealing treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

2 O Jehovah, have mercy on us; for thee have we waited;
Be thou our strength every morning;
Even our salvation in the time of distress.
3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled;

When thou didst raise thyself up, the nations were scattered.
4 But your spoil shall be gathered, as the caterpillar gathereth;
As the locusts run to and fro, so shall they rush upon it.

5 JEHOVAH is exalted;
Yea, he dwelleth on high:
He hath filled Zion with judgment and justice.
6 And there shall be stability of thy times,
Riches of salvation, wisdom and knowledge:
The fear of JEHOVAH, this shall be his treasure.

7 Behold, the valiant men! they raise a cry without;
The messengers of peace! they weep bitterly.
8 The highways are desolate;
The traveller ceaseth:
He hath broken the covenant; he hath despised the cities;
He regardeth not man.
9 The land mourneth, it languisheth;
Lebanon is put to shame, it withereth:
Sharon is become like a desert;
And Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruit.

10 Now I will arise, saith JEHOVAH;
Now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

11 Ye shall conceive chaff; ye shall bring forth stubble;
Your anger, it is a fire that shall consume you.
12 And the peoples shall be as stones burnt into lime;
As thorns that are cut off, and consumed in the fire.
13 Hear, O ye that are afar off, my doings;
And acknowledge, ye that are near, my might.
14 The sinners in Zion are struck with dread;
Trembling hath seized the wicked:
Who among us can dwell with consuming fire?
Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?
15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly;
He that despiseth the gain of oppression;
That shaketh his hands from holding of bribes,
That stoppeth his ears from hearing of bloodshed,
And shutteth his eyes from seeing evil:
16 He shall dwell on high;
The strong holds of the rocks shall be his fortress;
His bread shall be given him; his waters shall not fail.
17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty;
They shall see the land far extended.
18 Thine heart shall reflect on the terror:
Where is now the notary? where is the weigher of tribute?
Where is he that noted down the towers?

19 That fierce people shalt thou see no more;
A people of a deep speech, which thou couldst not understand;
Of a barbarous language, which thou couldst not comprehend.
20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemn feasts;
Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem,
A quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be removed;
Not one of the stakes shall be plucked up for ever,
Neither shall any of the cords thereof be snapped asunder.
21 But there shall the Mighty One, JEHOVAH, be unto us,
Instead of rivers, and branching streams;
There shall not go therein a ship with oars,
Neither shall a mighty vessel pass over it.
22 For JEHOVAH is our judge; JEHOVAH is our lawgiver;
JEHOVAH is our king: he shall save us.

23 Thy ropes are loosed, [O enemy!]
So that they cannot strengthen the basis of their mast;
They have not spread the sail.
Then shall be divided the prey of a great spoil;
The lame shall seize the prey.
24 Neither shall the inhabitant say, I am sick:
The people that dwell therein are forgiven their iniquity.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 DRAW near, O ye nations, and hearken;
And attend, O ye peoples!
Let the earth hear, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and all things that spring from it.
2 For the indignation of JEHOVAH is upon all nations;
And his fury upon all their armies:
He hath devoted them, he hath given them up to the slaughter.
3 And their slain shall he cast out;
And from their carcases their stench shall ascend;
And the mountains shall melt with their blood.
4 And all the host of heaven shall vanish away;
And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll;
And all their host shall fall down,
As the falling of a leaf from the vine;
And as the falling of a fig from a fig-tree.
5 For my sword hath already been made drunk in the heavens:
Behold, on Edom it shall descend;
And on the people justly devoted by me to destruction.
6 The sword of JEHOVAH is glutted with blood;
It is made fat with fatness:
With the blood of lambs, and of goats;
With the fat of the reins of rams:

For JEHOVAH hath a sacrifice in Bozrah,
And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
7 And with them shall be slaughtered the buffaloes;
And the bullocks, together with the bulls;
So that their land shall be drunk with blood,
And their dust made fat with fatness.
8 For to JEHOVAH there is a day of vengeance;
A year of recompence for the vindication of Zion.
9 And her streams shall be turned into pitch,
And her dust into brimstone;
And her land shall become burning pitch.
10 By night or by day it shall not be extinguished;
For ever shall her smoke ascend:
From generation to generation she shall lie waste;
To everlasting ages no one shall pass through her.
11 But the pelican and the hedgehog shall possess it;
The owl and the raven shall dwell in it;
And He shall stretch over her the line of devastation,
And the plummet of destruction.
12 With respect to her nobles, there is not one there whom they might call to the government of the kingdom;
And all her princes are nothingness.
13 And in her palaces shall spring up thorns;
The nettle and the bramble, in her fortresses.

And she shall become a habitation for jackals,
A dwelling-place for the daughters of the ostrich.
14 And the wild cats shall meet the jackals;
And the satyr shall call to his fellow:
There also the screech-owl shall resort;
And find for herself a place of rest.
15 There shall the darting serpent make her nest, and lay her eggs:
And she shall hatch them, and gather her young under her shadow.
There also shall the vultures be gathered together;
Each one with her mate.
16 Seek ye out of the book of JEHOVAH, and read:
No one of these hath been missing;
No female hath lacked her mate;
For his mouth, it hath given the command;
And his spirit, it hath gathered them.
17 And he hath cast the lot for them;
And his hand hath meted out their portion by the line:
For ever shall they possess the land,
From generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 THE desert, and the dry place, shall be glad;
And the wilderness shall rejoice, and blossom like the rose:
2 It shall blossom abundantly,

And rejoice even with joy and singing;
The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it,
The beauty of Carmel and of Sharon:
These shall see the glory of JEHOVAH,
The majesty of our God.
3 Strengthen ye the feeble hands,
And confirm ye the tottering knees.
4 Say ye to the agitated in heart: Be ye strong;
Fear ye not; behold your God!
Vengeance will come; the retribution of God;
He himself will come, and will save you.
5 Then shall be opened the eyes of the blind;
And the ears of the deaf shall be opened.
6 Then shall the lame bound like the hart,
And the tongue of the dumb shall sing:
For in the wilderness shall burst forth waters,
And streams in the desert.
7 And the apparent water of the desert shall become a pool,
And the thirsty land springs of water;
In the haunt of jackals, where is their couching place,
Shall be a place for reeds and bulrushes.
8 And a highway shall be there, even a road;
And it shall be called the way of holiness:
The unclean shall not pass over it;
But it shall be for them: those who walk along this road,
Though fools, shall not go astray.
9 There shall not be a lion there;

And the savage beast shall not go upon it:
It shall not be found there;
But the redeemed shall walk in it.
10 And the ransomed of JEHOVAH shall return;
They shall come to Zion with singing
And perpetual gladness upon their heads
Joy and gladness shall they obtain;
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year
of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of
Assyria came up against all the fenced cities
2 of Judah, and took them. And the king of
Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jeru-
salem, to the king Hezekiah, with a great army:
and he stood by the conduit of the upper pool,
3 in the high-way of the fuller's field. Then
came out unto him Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah,
who was over the household, and Shebna the
scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder.
4 And Rabshakeh said unto them: Say ye now
to Hezekiah; Thus saith the great king, the
king of Assyria: What confidence is this
5 wherein thou trustest? I have said, but they
are vain words, there is counsel and strength
for the war: now on whom dost thou trust,
6 that thou rebellest against me? Lo! thou trustest

in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt: on which if a man lean, it will pierce his hand, and go through it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt
7 to all that trust in him. But if thou say to me, We trust in JEHOVAH our God; is it not He, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath removed; and said to Judah and Jerusa-
8 lem, Before this altar shall ye worship? Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my lord, the king of Assyria; and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to
9 set riders upon them. How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my lord's servants, and put thy trust on
10 Egypt for chariots and horsemen? And am I now come up without JEHOVAH against this land to destroy it? JEHOVAH hath said unto me, Go up against this land and destroy it.

11 Then said Eliakim, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rabshakeh: Speak, we beseech thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language, for we understand it; and speak not unto us in the Jewish language, in the hearing of the people,
12 who are on the wall. And Rabshakeh said, Hath my lord sent me to thy lord and to thee, to speak these words? Hath he not [sent me] to the men that sit on the wall, that they may eat their own filth, and drink their own urine with you?

13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a
loud voice in the Jewish language, and said:
Hear ye the words of the great king, the king
14 of Assyria. Thus saith the king: Let not
Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able
15 to deliver you. And let not Hezekiah cause
you to trust in JEHOVAH; saying, JEHOVAH
will certainly deliver us; this city shall not be
given up into the hand of the king of Assyria.
16 Hearken not unto Hezekiah; for thus saith
the king of Assyria: Make peace with me
and come out unto me. And eat ye every one
of his own vine, and every one of his own fig-
tree; and drink ye every one the waters of his
17 own cistern: until I come and take you to a
land like your own land; a land of corn and of
18 wine, a land of bread and of vineyards. Let
not Hezekiah seduce you, saying, JEHOVAH
will deliver us. Have the gods of the nations
delivered each his own land from the hand of
19 the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of
Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the
gods of Sepharvaim? And have they delivered
20 Samaria out of my hand? Who are there
among all the gods of these lands, that have
delivered their own lands out of my hand;
that JEHOVAH should deliver Jerusalem out of
21 my hand? But they held their peace, and
answered him not a word: for the king's com-
mand was, Answer him not.

22 Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah, with their clothes rent; and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 And it came to pass when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house
2 of JEHOVAH. And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet.
3 And they said unto him: Thus saith Hezekiah; This day is a day of distress, and of rebuke, and of contumely: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.
4 It may be that JEHOVAH thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom his lord the king of Assyria hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words, which JEHOVAH thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is yet left.
5 And the servants of king Hezekiah came to
6 Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them: Thus shall ye say to your lord; Thus saith JEHOVAH: Be not afraid because of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king

7 of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold I will bring a tremour upon him; and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 And Rabshakeh returned; and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had
9 heard that he was departed from Lachish. And he heard say, concerning Tirhakah, king of Cush; He is come forth to make war with thee: and when he heard it, he sent messengers
10 to Hezekiah, saying: Thus shall ye speak unto Hezekiah, king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the
11 hand of the king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all these lands, that they have utterly destroyed them: and shalt thou be delivered?
12 Have the gods of the nations delivered those, which my father have destroyed? Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden,
13 which were in Telassar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Henah, and of Ivah?

14 And Hezekiah received the letters from the hand of the messengers, and read them; and

15 he went up to the house of JEHOVAH; and
Hezekiah spread them before the presence
of JEHOVAH. And Hezekiah prayed unto
16 JEHOVAH, saying: O JEHOVAH of hosts, the
God of Israel, who art seated on the Cherubim!
Thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the
kingdoms of the earth; Thou hast made the
17 heavens, and the earth! Incline, O JEHOVAH,
thine ear, and hear; open, O JEHOVAH, thine
eyes, and see; and hear all the words of
Sennacherib, which he hath sent to reproach the
18 living God. In truth, O JEHOVAH, the kings
of Assyria have destroyed all the nations, and
19 their lands; and have cast their gods into the
fire: for they were no gods, but the work of
the hand of man, wood and stone; therefore
20 they have destroyed them. And now, O
JEHOVAH our God, save us from his hand;
that all the kingdoms of the earth may know,
that thou art JEHOVAH, even thou only.

21 Then Isaiah, the son of Amoz, sent unto
Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith JEHOVAH the God
of Israel: As to that which thou hast prayed
unto me, concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria:
22 This is the word, which JEHOVAH hath spoken
against him:

THE virgin daughter of Zion hath despised
thee, she hath laughed thee to scorn;

The daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her
head after thee.
23 Whom hast thou reproached, and blasphemed;
And against whom hast thou exalted thy voice?
And hast lifted up thine eyes on high?
Against the Holy One of Israel.
24 By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord,
and said:
By the multitude of my chariots have I
ascended
The height of the mountains, the sides of
Lebanon;
And I will cut down his tallest cedars, his
choicest fir-trees;
And I will penetrate into his extreme height,
the forests of his fruitful field.
25 And I have digged, and I have drunk waters;
And with the sole of my feet have I dried up
all the rivers of the besieged places.
26 Hast thou not heard, that, from of old, I had
disposed it?
And that, from ancient times, I had formed it?
Now have I brought it to pass, that thou
shouldest be to lay waste
Fenced cities into ruinous heaps.
27 Therefore were their inhabitants of small
strength;
They were dismayed and confounded:
They were as the grass of the field, and as the
green herb;

As the grass of the house-top; and as the corn
blasted before it groweth up.
28 But thy sitting down, and thy going out, and
thy coming in have I known;
And thy rage against me.
29 Because thy rage against me,
And thy insolence, is come up into mine ears;
Therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and
my bridle in thy lips;
And I will turn thee back by the way in which
thou camest.
30 And this shall be a sign to thee:
Eat this year that which groweth up of itself;
And the second year that which groweth up of
the same;
And in the third year sow ye, and reap;
And plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.
31 And the escaped of the house of Judah, which
remain,
Shall again strike root downward, and bear
fruit upward.
32 For from Jerusalem shall go forth the remnant;
And they that have escaped from mount Zion:
The zeal of JEHOVAH of hosts shall do this.
33 Therefore thus saith JEHOVAH concerning the
king of Assyria:
He shall not come into this city;
Nor shall he shoot an arrow there;
Nor shall he present a shield before it;
Nor shall he cast up a mound against it.

34 By the way, in which he came, by the same
shall he return;
And into this city shall he not come; saith
JEHOVAH.
35 And I will protect this city to deliver it;
For mine own sake, and for the sake of David
my servant.

36 And the angel of JEHOVAH went forth, and
smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred
and fourscore and five thousand men: and
when the people arose early in the morning,
37 behold, they were all dead corpses. Then
Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went,
38 and returned; and dwelt at Nineveh. And
as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch
his god, Adramelec and Sharezer, his sons,
smote him with the sword: and they escaped
into the land of Armenia; and Esarhaddon his
son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 IN those days was Hezekiah sick unto death,
and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came
unto him; and said unto him: Thus saith
JEHOVAH; Give charge concerning thy house;
2 for thou shalt die and not live. Then Hezekiah
turned his face toward the wall, and prayed
3 unto JEHOVAH. And he said, Remember now,
O JEHOVAH, I beseech thee, how I have
walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect

heart; and have done that which is good in
4 thine eyes. And Hezekiah wept sore. Then
came the word of JEHOVAH to Isaiah, saying;
5 Go, and say unto Hezekiah, Thus saith
JEHOVAH, the God of David thy father. I
have heard thy prayer; I have seen thy tears.
Behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.
6 And I will deliver thee, and this city, from the
hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend
7 this city. And this shall be a sign unto thee
from JEHOVAH, that JEHOVAH will do this
8 thing which he hath spoken. Behold, I will
turn back the shadow of the degrees, by which
the sun is gone down on the degrees of Ahaz,
ten degrees backward. And the sun returned
backward ten degrees, on the degrees by which
it had gone down.

9 THE WRITING OF HEZEKIAH KING OF JUDAH, WHEN HE HAD BEEN SICK, AND WAS RECOVERED FROM HIS SICKNESS.

10 I said, in the noontide of my days
I shall go to the gates of the grave;
I am deprived of the residue of my years!
11 I said, I shall no more see JEHOVAH,
JEHOVAH in the land of the living!
I shall not behold man any more,
Being numbered with the tenants of the grave.
12 My habitation is taken down, and removed
from me, like a shepherd's tent.

My life is cut off, as by a weaver; he cutteth me off from the woof;
In a day and a night wilt thou make an end of me.
13 I resembled a roaring lion even until morning;
So did he break to pieces all my bones.
In a day and a night wilt thou make an end of me,
14 Like a swallow, [or] a crane, so did I twitter;
I moaned like the dove,
Mine eyes fail with looking upward:
O JEHOVAH, I am oppressed; be thou surety for me.
15 What shall I say?
He hath promised me, and he hath performed it:
I will walk humbly all my years on account of the bitterness of my soul.
16 O Lord, by these things do men live,
And in all these things is the life of my spirit;
For thou hast restored my strength, and prolonged my life:
17 Behold, he hath changed my anguish into health!
Thou hast also in love to me drawn back my soul from the pit of destruction;
Yea thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.
18 For the grave cannot praise thee,
Death cannot celebrate thee:
They that go down into the pit shall not await thy truth.
19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day;
The father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20 JEHOVAH was present to save me:
Therefore my stringed instruments will we strike,
All the days of our life, in the house of JEHOVAH.
21 Now Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump
of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil,
22 and he shall recover. Also Hezekiah had
said, What is the sign, that I shall go up to the
house of JEHOVAH?

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 AT that time Merodach-Baladan, the son
of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and
a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard, that
2 he had been sick, and was recovered. And
Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them
his treasure house, the silver, and the gold, and
the spices, and the precious ointment, and all
the house of his armour, and all that was con-
tained in his treasures; there was not any
thing in his house, and in all his dominion,
3 that Hezekiah did not shew them. Then came
Isaiah the prophet unto the king Hezekiah,
and said unto him: What said these men? and
from whence came they unto thee? And Heze-
kiah said; They are come to me from a far
4 country; from Babylon. Then said he: What
have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah
said: They have seen every thing in my house:
there is nothing among my treasures, which I

5 have not shewed them. Then said Isaiah to
Hezekiah; Hear the word of JEHOVAH of
6 hosts. Behold, the days shall come, when all
that is in thy house, and all that thy fathers
have treasured up unto this day, shall be
carried away to Babylon: there shall not
7 any thing be left, saith JEHOVAH. And
of thy sons which shall issue from thee,
which thou shalt beget, shall they take, that
they may be eunuchs in the palace of the king
8 of Babylon. And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah:
Good is the word of JEHOVAH, which thou
hast spoken: He said moreover; for there shall
be peace and assurance in my days.

CHAP. XL.

1 COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith
your God:
2 Speak ye things pleasing to the heart of Jeru-
salem, and declare unto her,
That her warfare is accomplished, that her
iniquity hath been expiated;
That she hath received at the hand of JEHOVAH,
More than double for all her sins.

3 A voice crieth, in the wilderness;
Prepare ye the way of JEHOVAH!
Make straight in the desert a highway for our
God!
4 Every valley shall be exalted,

And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;
And the crooked shall become straight;
And the rough places a smooth plain:
5 And the glory of JEHOVAH shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see together,
That the mouth of JEHOVAH hath spoken it.
6 A voice saith, Proclaim!
And he said, What shall I proclaim?
All flesh is grass;
And all his goodliness like the flower of the field:
7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth,
When the breath of JEHOVAH bloweth upon it:
Surely the people is grass.
8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth;
But the word of our God shall stand for ever.
9 Get thee up upon a high mountain, O Zion, that bringest good tidings:
Lift up thy voice with strength, O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings;
Lift it up; be not afraid:
Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
10 Behold, the Lord JEHOVAH shall come with might,
And his arm shall rule for him:
Behold, his reward is with him;
And the recompense of his work is before him.
11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd;
In his arm shall he gather up the lambs,
And in his bosom carry them;

The nursing ewes shall he gently lead.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand;
And hath meted out the heavens by his span;
And hath comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,
And hath weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?
13 Who hath searched out the Spirit of JEHOVAH;
Or being his counsellor hath taught him?
14 With whom took he counsel, that he should instruct him;
And teach him in the path of judgment;
And teach him knowledge,
And shew to him the way of understanding?
15 Behold, the nations are as a drop from the bucket;
And as the small dust on a balance shall they be accounted:
Behold, the isles are as an atom which flitteth away!
16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to supply fire;
Nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering.
17 All the nations are before him, as though they were nought;
They are esteemed by him as less than nought and vanity.
18 To whom therefore will ye liken God?
Or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

19 The workman casteth an image;
And the smith overlayeth it with gold;
And forgeth [for it] chains of silver.
20 The poorer donor chooseth a piece of wood that will not rot;
He seeketh unto him a skilful workman,
To erect an image, which shall not be moved.
21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard?
Hath it not been declared to you from the beginning?
Have ye not understood it from the foundations of the earth?
22 It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,
Whose inhabitants are as locusts:
He stretcheth out the heavens, like a canopy;
And spreadeth them out, as a tent to dwell in:
23 He reduceth princes to nothing;
He maketh the rulers of the earth as vanity.
24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown;
Yea, their trunk shall not take root in the earth:
For if he but blow upon them, they instantly wither;
And the whirlwind shall bear them away as chaff.
25 To whom then will ye liken me?
And to whom shall I be equalled? saith the Holy One.
26 Lift up your eyes on high;
And see who hath created these.
He bringeth out their hosts by number:
He calleth them all by name:

Through the greatness of his strength, and the
might of his power,
Not one of them is missing.

27 Wherefore sayest thou then, O Jacob,
And why speakest thou thus, O Israel?
My way is hidden from JEHOVAH,
And my cause passeth unregarded by my God.
28 Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard:
The eternal God, JEHOVAH the creator of the
ends of the earth;
He fainteth not, neither is weary;
There is no searching out of his understanding.
29 He giveth power to the faint,
And to them that have no might he increaseth
strength.
30 The young men shall faint and be weary,
And the chosen youths shall utterly fail;
31 But they that wait upon JEHOVAH shall gather
new strength;
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run, and not be weary,
They shall walk, and not faint.

CHAP. XLI.

1 KEEP silence before me, O Islands!
And let the nations renew their strength:
Let them draw near; then let them speak;
Let us come near together to judgment.

2 Who hath raised the just man from the East;
Hath met him at each of his steps?
Hath given up the nations before him, that he should rule over kings?
Hath made as the dust, his sword;
As chaff driven by the wind, his bow?
3 He hath pursued them; he hath passed safely,
By a way which no man had ever gone with his feet.
4 Who hath wrought, and done it;
Calling the generations from the beginning?
I JEHOVAH, the first;
And with the last, I am the same.

5 The isles saw it, and feared;
The ends of the earth were terrified.
They drew near, they came together;
6 Every one assisted his neighbour,
And said to his brother, Be of good courage.
7 So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith;
He that smootheth with the hammer, him that smiteth on the anvil:
Saying of the solder, It is good;
And he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

8 But thou, Israel my servant;
Thou Jacob, whom I have chosen;
The seed of Abraham my friend:
9 Thou, whom I have taken from the ends of the earth

And from the extremities thereof I have called thee;
And said unto thee, Thou art my servant;
I have chosen thee, and will not reject thee.
10 Fear not, for I am with thee;
Be not dismayed, for I am thy God.
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee;
Yea, I will uphold thee with my victorious right-hand.
11 Behold, all they that were enraged against thee, shall be ashamed and confounded:
They that contended with thee, shall become as nothing, and shall utterly perish.
12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even the men that strove with thee:
They shall become as nothing, and as mere nought, even the men that opposed thee in battle.
13 For I am JEHOVAH thy God, that hold thee fast by thy right-hand;
That say unto thee, Fear not: I am thy helper.
14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob; ye mortals of Israel;
I am thy helper, saith JEHOVAH;
And thy Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
15 Behold, I have made thee a new sharp threshing wain;
Armed with pointed teeth:
Thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small;
And the hills thou shalt render like chaff.

16 Thou shalt winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away;
And the storm shall scatter them:
But thou shalt exult in JEHOVAH;
In the Holy One of Israel shalt thou glory.

17 The poor and needy who seek for water, and there is none;
Whose tongue is parched with thirst:
I JEHOVAH will hear them;
The God of Israel, I will not forsake them.
18 I will open in the high places, rivers;
And in the midst of the valleys, fountains:
I will make the desert a sandy pool;
And the dry ground springs of waters.
19 In the wilderness I will give the cedar, the acacia,
And the myrtle, and the oil-tree;
I will plant the fir-tree in the desert;
The plane-tree, and the box together:
20 That they might see and know;
And consider, and understand together,
That the hand of JEHOVAH hath done this,
And the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

21 Bring forward your cause, saith JEHOVAH:
Produce your strong arguments, saith the King of Jacob.
22 Let them approach, and tell us the things that shall happen;

The things that shall first happen, what they
are, let them tell us;
That we might consider them, and know the
event of them:
Or declare to us things to come hereafter.
23 Tell us the things that will come to pass in the
later times;
That we may know; if ye be gods:
Yea do good, or do evil;
That we may look around us, and behold
together.
24 Lo! ye are less than nothing;
And your work is less than nought:
And abomination is he that maketh choice of
you.

25 I have raised up one from the North, and he
shall come;
From the rising of the sun shall he call upon
my name:
And he shall trample on princes, as on mortar;
And as the potter treadeth down the clay.
26 Who hath declared this from the beginning,
that we should know it?
And beforehand, that we should say, It is right?
But there was not one that declared it; not one
who had spread the report;
There was not one, that heard your words.
27 I am the first [who said] to Zion, Behold,
behold them!

And gave to Jerusalem the message of glad tidings.
28 But I looked, and there was no man;
Even among these things, and there was no counsellor;
And I inquired of them, and there was no one that could return an answer.
29 Behold, they are all of them vanity;
Their works are nought:
Mere wind and emptiness are their molten images.

CHAP. XLII.

1 Behold my servant, whom I will uphold;
My chosen, in whom my soul delighteth:
I have put my spirit upon him;
He shall publish judgment to the nations.
2 He shall not cry, nor raise a clamour,
Nor cause his voice to be heard in the streets:
3 A bruised reed shall he not break;
And the smoking flax shall he not quench:
According to truth shall he publish judgment.
4 He shall not despond, neither shall he be faint;
Until he hath firmly seated judgment in the earth:
And the isles shall earnestly wait for his law.

5 Thus saith the God, even Jehovah,
Who hath created the heavens, and stretched them out;

Who hath spread abroad the earth, and the
produce thereof;
Who giveth breath to the people upon it,
And spirit to them that tread thereon:
6 I JEHOVAH have called thee in righteousness;
And I will take hold of thy hand, and will
preserve thee;
And I will give thee for a covenant to the
people, for a light to the nations.
7 To open the eyes that are blind;
To bring the captive out of confinement;
Them that sit in darkness, out of the prison
house.
8 I am JEHOVAH, that is my name;
And my glory will I not give to another,
Nor my praise to graven images.
9 The former predictions, lo! they are come to
pass;
And new events I now declare:
Before they spring forth, I make them known
unto you.

10 Sing unto JEHOVAH a new song;
His praise, from the ends of the earth:
Ye that go down upon the sea, and the fulness
thereof;
The isles, and their inhabitants.
11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up
their voice;
The villages that Kedar doth inhabit:

Let them sing, who inhabit the rocks;
Let them shout aloud from the top of the mountains:
12 Let them ascribe glory to JEHOVAH;
And declare his praise in the islands.
13 JEHOVAH shall march forth like a hero;
Like a mighty warrior shall he rouse his vengeance:
He shall cry aloud; yea, he shall shout amain;
He shall prove himself mighty against his enemies.
14 I have long holden my peace; shall I still continue silent?
Shall I contain myself? I will cry out like a woman in travail;
I will stifle my breath, and will pour it forth at once.
15 I will make waste mountains and hills;
And all their herbage will I dry up:
And I will change rivers into islands;
And the pools will I dry up.
16 And I will lead the blind by a way that they knew not;
Through paths that they have not known will I conduct them:
I will turn darkness into light before them;
And rugged places into smooth ground.
These things will I do for them, and will not forsake them.

17 They are turned backward, they are utterly confounded,
Who trust in the graven image;
Who say unto the molten image, Ye are our gods!
18 Hear ye deaf;
And ye blind, look attentively, that ye may see!
19 Who is blind, if my servant be not;
And deaf like my messenger, whom I have sent?
Who is blind, like him that is perfect;
And blind, like the servant of JEHOVAH?
20 Thou hast seen many things, yet thou dost not regard;
Thine ears are open, yet thou wilt not hear.
21 JEHOVAH was gracious for his righteousness' sake:
He hath magnified the law, and made it glorious.
22 But this is a people spoiled and plundered:
All their chosen youths are taken in the toils,
And in prison houses are they hid:
They are become a spoil, and there was none to rescue them:
A plunder, and no one said, Restore.
23 Who is there among you that will give ear to this?
That will attend, and hearken, for the future?
24 Who hath given Jacob for a spoil,

And Israel to the plunderers?
Was it not JEHOVAH; He, against whom we have sinned?
In whose ways they would not walk,
And whose law they would not obey?
25 Therefore he hath poured upon them the heat of his wrath, and the violence of war:
And it kindled a flame round about him, yet he did not regard it;
And it set him on fire, but he laid it not to heart.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 BUT now, thus saith JEHOVAH;
Who hath created thee, O Jacob; and hath formed thee, O Israel:
Fear thou not, for I have redeemed thee;
I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.
2 When thou passest through the waters, I am with thee;
And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm thee:
When thou walkest in the fire, thou shalt not be scorched;
And the flame shall not take hold of thee.
3 For I am JEHOVAH, thy God;
The Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:
I have given Egypt for thy ransom;
Cush and Seba in thy stead.
4 Because thou hast been precious in my sight,

Thou hast been honoured, and I have loved thee:
Therefore will I give men in thy stead,
And peoples in place of thy person.
5 Fear thou not, for I am with thee:
From the East I will bring thy seed,
And from the West will I gather thee.
6 I will say to the North, Give up;
And to the South, Withhold not:
Bring my sons from afar;
And my daughters from the ends of the earth:
7 Every one that is called by my name,
Whom for my glory I have created;
Whom I have formed, yea whom I have made.
8 Bring forth the people, blind, although they have eyes;
And deaf, although they have ears.
9 Let all the nations be gathered together.
And let the peoples be collected.
Who among them will declare this;
And will tell us, what first shall come to pass?
Let them produce their witnesses, that they may be justified:
Or let them hear, and say, This is true.
10 Ye are my witnesses, saith JEHOVAH;
And my servant, whom I have chosen:
That ye may know, and believe me;
And understand that I am He.
Before me there was no god formed,
And after me none shall exist.

11 I, even I, am JEHOVAH;
And beside me there is no saviour.
12 I have declared my purpose, and I have saved;
And have made it known; nor was it any strange god among you:
And ye are now my witnesses, saith JEHOVAH, that I am God.
13 Ever since time began, I am He;
And there is none that can rescue out of my hand:
I will work; and who shall undo it?

14 Thus saith JEHOVAH,
Your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
For your sake have I sent unto Babylon;
I have brought down the fugitives, all of them;
And the Chaldeans, whose cry is towards the ships.
15 I am JEHOVAH, your Holy One;
The creator of Israel, your king.

16 Thus saith JEHOVAH;
Who made a way in the sea;
And a path in the mighty waters:
17 Who hath brought forth the chariot and horse, the army and the warrior;
Together they lay down, they rose no more;
They were extinguished, they were quenched like tow:
18 Remember not the former things;

And the things of ancient times regard not:
19 Behold, I make a new thing.
Even now shall it spring forth: will ye not regard it?
Yea I will make in the wilderness a way;
In the desert, streams of water.
20 The wild beast of the field shall glorify me:
The jackals, and the daughters of the ostrich:
Because I have given waters in the wilderness;
And flowing streams in the desert;
To give drink to my people, my chosen:
21 This people, whom I have formed for myself;
They shall recount my praise.

22 But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob;
For thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.
23 Thou hast not brought to me the lamb of thy burnt-offering;
Neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices:
I have not burdened thee with exacting oblations;
Nor wearied thee with demands of frankincense:
24 Thou hast not purchased for me with silver the aromatic reed;
Neither hast thou satiated me with the fat of thy sacrifices.
Nay, thou hast burdened me with thy sins;
Thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.
25 I, even I, am He,

That blot out thy transgressions for mine own sake;
And thy sins I will not remember.
26 Put me in remembrance; let us plead together:
Set forth thine own cause, that thou mayest be justified.
27 Thy first father hath sinned;
And thy interpreters have transgressed against me;
28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary;
And have given Jacob to the curse,
And Israel to reproaches.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 But hear now, O Jacob my servant;
And Israel, whom I have chosen:
2 Thus saith Jehovah, thy maker;
And he that hath formed thee; who from the womb hath helped thee:
Fear thou not, O my servant Jacob;
And thou Jeshurun, whom I have chosen:
3 For I will pour waters on the thirsty;
And flowing streams on the dry ground:
I will pour out my spirit on thy seed;
And my blessing on thine offspring.
4 And they shall spring up, as among the grass;
As willows by the water-courses.
5 One shall say; I belong to Jehovah:

And another shall call himself by the name of
Jacob :
And this shall inscribe his hand to JEHOVAH ;
And shall be surnamed by the name of Israel.

6 Thus saith JEHOVAH, the King of Israel ;
And his Redeemer, JEHOVAH of hosts :
I am the first, and I am the last;
And beside me there is no God.
7 And who like me could foretell,
And declare it; or who could dispose it for me,
From the time that I have appointed the ancient
people ;
So that the things which are now coming, and
what shall come hereafter, should become
known unto them ?
8 Fear ye not, neither be ye afraid :
Have I not declared it unto you from the first ?
Yea, I have foreshewn it ; and ye are my wit-
nesses.
Is there a God beside me ?
Yea, there is no rock ; I know not any.
9 They that form the graven image are all of them
vanity ;
And their favourite works shall not profit :
Yea, they are witnesses for them, that they see
not,
Nor understand; so that they may be ashamed.
10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven
image,

That is profitable for nothing?
11 Behold, all his associates shall be ashamed;
And the workmen themselves above all men.
Let them assemble themselves, all of them; let them stand up;
They shall fear, and be ashamed together.

12 The smith [maketh] a hatchet,
And worketh it among the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers;
And worketh it with the strength of his arm:
Yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth him;
He drinketh no water, and he is faint.
13 The carpenter stretcheth his line;
He marketh out the form of it with red ochre:
He worketh it with planes,
And with the compass he marketh it out:
He maketh it after the figure of a man,
According to the beauty of the human form, that it may abide in the house.
14 He heweth down cedars for his use:
And he taketh the pine, and the oak;
And he chooseth them for himself from among the trees of the forest.
He planteth the ash, and the rain nourisheth it:
15 Then shall it be for man to burn;
And he taketh thereof, and warmeth himself;
Yea he kindleth it, and baketh bread;
He also formeth a god, and worshippeth it:

He maketh of it a graven image, and boweth
down unto it.
16 Part of it he burneth in the fire;
On a part of it he eateth flesh:
He roasteth meat, and is satisfied;
He also warmeth himself, and saith, Aha,
I am warmed, I have seen the fire.
17 And the remainder thereof he maketh a god,
even his graven image;
He boweth down to it, and worshippeth it;
And he prayeth unto it, and saith;
Deliver me, for thou art my God!
18 They know not, neither do they understand:
For he hath closed up their eyes, that they
cannot see;
Their hearts, that they cannot rightly discern:
19 Neither doth he consider in his heart;
Neither hath he knowledge, nor understanding,
to say;
Part of it I have burnt in the fire;
I have also baked bread on the coals thereof;
I have roasted flesh, and I have eaten:
And shall I make the remnant an abomination?
Shall I bow myself down to the stock of a tree?
20 He feedeth on ashes; a deluded heart leadeth
him aside;
So that he cannot deliver his own soul, nor say,
Is there not a lie in my right hand?

21 Remember these things, O Jacob;

And, Israel; for thou art my servant:
I have formed thee; thou art my servant;
O Israel, by me thou shalt not be forgotten.
22 I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions;
And as a cloud thy sins:
Return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

23 Sing, O ye heavens, for JEHOVAH hath effected it;
Utter a joyful sound, O ye depths of the earth:
Burst forth into song, O ye mountains;
Thou, forest, and every tree therein!
For JEHOVAH hath redeemed Jacob;
And will be glorified in Israel.

24 Thus saith JEHOVAH, thy Redeemer;
Even he that formed thee from the womb:
I am JEHOVAH, who maketh all things;
Who stretcheth out the heavens alone;
Who spreadeth abroad the earth by myself:
25 I am He, who frustrateth the foretokens of the impostors;
And maketh the diviners mad;
Who turneth the wise men backward,
And maketh their knowledge foolish:
26 Who establisheth the word of his servant;
And accomplisheth the counsel of his messengers:
Who saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited;

And to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built;
And her desolate places I will restore:
27 Who saith to the deep, Be dry;
And I will make dry thy rivers:
28 Who saith to Cyrus, Thou art my shepherd!
And he shall fulfil all my purpose:
Who saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built:
And to the Temple, Thy foundations are laid.

CHAP. XLV.

1 THUS saith JEHOVAH to his anointed;
To Cyrus, whom I hold fast by the right hand:
That I may subdue nations before him;
And ungird the loins of kings:
That I may open before him the two leaved gates:
And the gates shall not be shut.
2 I will go before thee;
And make the crooked places straight:
I will break in pieces the gates of brass,
And cut in sunder the bars of iron.
3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness;
And the stores deep hidden in secret places:
That thou mayest know that I am JEHOVAH;
He that calleth thee by thy name, the God of Israel.
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob;
And Israel, my chosen;
I have even called thee by thy name;

I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not
known me.
5 I am JEHOVAH, and there is none else;
Beside me there is no God:
I will gird thee, though thou hast not known me.
6 That they may know, from the rising of the sun,
And from the West, that there is none beside me:
I am JEHOVAH, and there is none else;
7 Forming light, and creating darkness;
Making peace, and creating evil:
I JEHOVAH am the author of all these things.

8 Drop down, O ye heavens, the dew from above;
And let the clouds shower down righteousness:
Let the earth open her bosom, and let salvation
produce her fruit;
And let justice push forth her bud together:
I JEHOVAH have created it.

9 Wo unto him that contendeth with the power
that formed him;
The potsherd with the moulders of the clay!
Shall the clay say to the potter, What makest
thou?
Or thy work; He hath no hands?
10 Wo unto him, that saith to his father, What
begettest thou?
And to his mother, What dost thou bring forth?

11 Thus saith JEHOVAH,

The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:
Do ye question me concerning things to come?
Do ye give me directions concerning my sons,
and concerning the work of my hands?
12 I have made the earth;
And created man upon it:
My hands have stretched out the heavens;
And to all the host of them I have given command:
13 I have raised him up in righteousness;
And I will level all his ways.
He shall build my city, and release my captives;
Not for price, nor for reward:
Saith JEHOVAH of hosts.

14 Thus saith JEHOVAH:
The wealth of Egypt, the merchandise of Cush,
And the Sabeans tall of stature,
Shall come over to thee, and shall be thine:
They shall follow thee; in chains shall they pass along;
And unto thee shall they bow down, unto thee shall they supplicate:
Surely God is in thee, and there is no other God besides.
15 Verily, thou art a God that hidest thyself;
O God of Israel, the Saviour!

16 They are ashamed, and also confounded, all of them;

Together they retire in confusion, the fabricators of idols.
17 [But] Israel shall be saved through JEHOVAH with an everlasting salvation;
Ye shall not be ashamed, neither shall ye be confounded, to the ages of eternity.

18 For thus saith JEHOVAH;
Who hath created the heavens; He is God:
Who hath formed the earth and made it; He hath established it!
Not in vain hath he created it; he hath formed it to be inhabited:
I am JEHOVAH, and none besides:
19 I have spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth;
I have not said to the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain:
I am JEHOVAH, who speak the truth; who declare things that are right.
20 Assemble yourselves together, and come;
Gather yourselves together, ye that are escaped of the nations.
They know nothing, that carry about the wood, which they have carved;
They address themselves in prayer to a god, which cannot save.
21 Publish it abroad, and bring them near; and let them consult together:

Who hath made this known long before, hath declared it from the first?
Is it not I JEHOVAH, than whom there is no other God?
A God that uttereth truth, and granteth salvation; there is none beside me.
22 Look unto me and be saved, all ye ends of the earth:
For I am God, and there is none else.
23 By myself have I sworn; truth is gone forth from my mouth;
The word, and it shall not be revoked:
That unto me every knee shall bow,
Every tongue shall swear:
24 Surely, shall one say of me, In JEHOVAH is salvation and strength:
To him they shall come, and shall be ashamed, all that are incensed against him:
25 In JEHOVAH shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 BEL boweth down, Nebo stoopeth;
Their idols are laid on the beasts and the cattle:
Your light burdens are become oppressive ones,
A load on the weary beast.
2 They stoop, they bow down together:
They are not able to deliver the burden;
But they themselves go into captivity.

3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob;
And all ye the remnant of the house of Israel:
Ye that have been borne by me from the birth;
That have been carried from the womb.
4 And even to your old age, I am the same;
And even to your gray hairs, I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
Even I will carry, and will deliver you.
5 To whom will ye liken me, and equal me?
And to whom will ye compare me, that we may be like?
6 Ye that lavish gold out of the bag;
And that weigh silver in the balance.
They hire a goldsmith, and he maketh it a god:
They worship him; yea they prostrate themselves before him.
7 They bear him on the shoulder; they carry him about;
They set him down in his place, and he standeth:
From his place he shall not remove;
Yea, one shall cry unto him, and he shall not answer;
Neither will he deliver him from his distress.

8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men:
Recall it to mind, O ye transgressors.
9 Remember the former things, of old time:
Verily I am God, and none else;
I am God, and there is no one like me.
10 From the beginning making known the end;

And from early times, the things that are not yet done:
Saying, My counsel shall stand;
And whatever I have willed, I will accomplish:
11 Calling from the East the eagle;
And from a land far distant, the man of my counsel:
Yea I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass;
I have formed the design, I will also execute it.
12 Hearken unto me, O ye stubborn of heart;
Ye that are far distant from deliverance:
13 I will bring my promised deliverance near, it shall not be far distant;
And my salvation shall not be delayed.
I will give in Zion salvation;
Unto Israel my glory.

CHAP. XLVII.

1 Descend, and sit on the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon!
Sit on the bare ground, without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans:
For thou shalt no longer be called the tender, and the delicate.
2 Take the mill, and grind the corn:
Take off thy veil, take up the train of thy garment;
Make bare thy leg; wade through the rivers.

3 Disclosed shall be thy nakedness; yea, thy shame shall be seen:
I will take full vengeance, and will not spare a man.

4 Our Redeemer, JEHOVAH of hosts is his name;
The Holy One of Israel!

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans!
For thou shalt no longer be called the lady of the kingdoms.
6 I was angry with my people; I polluted mine inheritance;
And gave them up into thy hand:
Thou didst not shew mercy unto them;
Upon the aged thou didst very heavily lay thy yoke.
7 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever:
So that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart;
Neither didst thou recollect the latter end thereof.
8 But hear now this, O thou voluptuous, that sittest in security:
Thou that sayest in thy heart, I am, and there is none else;
I shall not sit a widow; neither shall I know the loss of children.

9 Yet shall these two things come upon thee in a moment,
In one day, loss of children and widowhood:
They shall come upon thee in their perfection;
Notwithstanding the multitude of thy sorceries, and the great strength of thine enchantments.
10 But thou didst trust in thy wickedness, and saidst, None seeth me:
Thy wisdom and thy knowledge have made thee rebellious;
So that thou saidst in thy heart, I am, and there is none besides.
11 Therefore shall there come upon thee evil,
The dawn whereof thou shalt not perceive;
And there shall fall upon thee mischief,
Which thou shalt not be able to expiate;
And suddenly shall there come upon thee destruction, of which thou shalt have no apprehension.
12 Persist now in thine enchantments;
And in the multitude of thy sorceries, in which thou hast laboured from thy youth:
If peradventure thou mayest be profited,
If thou mayest be strengthened by them.
13 Thou art wearied in the multiplicity of thy counsels:
Let them stand up now, and save thee,
The observers of the heavens, the gazers on the stars;

They that prognosticate at every new moon,
What are the events that shall happen unto thee.
14 Behold, they shall be like stubble; the fire shall burn them up;
They shall not deliver their own souls from the power of the flame:
There shall not be a coal to warm at;
Nor a fire to sit before it.
15 Thus have they, amongst whom thou hast laboured, been unto thee;
Those with whom thou hast had intercourse from thy youth;
They are bewildered, every one in his quarter;
There is none to save thee.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 HEAR this, O house of Jacob;
Ye that are called by the name of Israel:
Ye that flow from the fountain of Judah;
Ye that swear by the name of JEHOVAH,
And publicly acknowledge the God of Israel;
But not in sincerity, nor in truth:
2 For they take their name from the Holy City,
And stay themselves upon the God of Israel;
JEHOVAH of hosts is his name.
3 The former things I had shewed unto you from the first;
And from my mouth they proceeded, and I had declared them:

On a sudden I effected them, and they came to pass.
4 Because I knew that thou wast obstinate,
And that thy neck was a sinew of iron,
And thy forehead brass.
5 Therefore I shewed them unto thee from the first;
Before they came to pass, I made thee hear them;
Lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol caused them;
And my graven and my molten image hath directed them.
6 Thou didst hear it beforehand; have now regard to the whole of it:
And will ye not make it known?
From this time I will make thee hear new things;
Even hitherto secret, so that thou couldest not have known them.
7 They are produced now, and not of old;
And before this day thou hast not heard of them:
Lest thou shouldest say, Lo! I knew them.
8 Yea, thou hast not heard; yea, thou hast not known;
Yea, formerly thine ear was not opened:
For I knew that thou wouldest certainly deal falsely,
And that Apostate was thy name from the womb.
9 For the sake of my name I will postpone my anger;

And for the sake of my praise I will withhold it from thee,
That I may not utterly cut thee off.
10 Behold, I have purified thee in the fire, but not as silver;
I have tried thee in the furnace of affliction.
11 For my sake, for my sake will I do it; for how should my name be blasphemed?
And my glory I will not give to another.

12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob;
And Israel, whom I have called:
I am He; I am the first, and I am the last:
13 Yea my hand hath founded the earth;
And my right hand hath expanded the heavens;
When I summon them; they present themselves together.

14 Gather yourselves together all of you, and hear:
Who among you hath declared these things?
He, whom JEHOVAH hath loved, will execute his will on Babylon,
And his power on the Chaldeans.
15 I, even I, have spoken; yea I have called him:
I have brought him, and his way will prosper.
16 Draw near unto me, and hear ye this:
From the beginning I have not spoken in secret:
From the time it existed, there am I:

And now the Lord JEHOVAH hath sent me,
and his Spirit.

17 Thus saith JEHOVAH;
Thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
I am JEHOVAH, thy God;
Who teacheth thee what will tend to thy profit;
Who directeth thee in the way wherein thou shouldest go.
18 O that thou hadst attended to my commands!
Then had thy prosperity been like the river;
And thy blessedness, as the waves of the sea.
19 And thy seed had been as the sand;
And the issue of thy bowels, like the pebbles thereof:
Thy name should not be cut off, nor destroyed from before me.

20 Go ye forth from Babylon; flee ye from the land of the Chaldeans with the voice of joy:
Publish ye this, and make it to be heard; utter it forth even to the end of the earth:
Say ye, JEHOVAH hath redeemed his servant Jacob;
21 They thirsted not in the desert, through which he led them;
Waters from the rock he caused to flow for them;

Yea he clave the rock, and forth gushed the waters.
22 There is no peace, saith JEHOVAH, to the wicked.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 LISTEN, O isles, unto me;
And hearken, ye nations, from far.
JEHOVAH hath called me from the womb;
From the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.
2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword;
In the shadow of his hand he hath concealed me:
Yea he hath made me a sharpened arrow,
In his quiver hath he hidden me.
3 And he said unto me, Thou art my servant;
O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.
4 And I said: I have laboured in vain;
For nought, and for vanity, I have spent my strength:
Nevertheless my just claim is with JEHOVAH,
And the reward of my work with my God.
5 And now, saith JEHOVAH;
Who hath formed me from the womb to be his servant,
To bring Jacob back again unto him,
And that Israel unto him may be gathered:
(For I am glorious in the eyes of JEHOVAH,
And my God is my strength.)

6 Yea He said, It is not sufficient that thou be
my servant,
To raise up the tribes of Jacob,
And to bring back the saved of Israel:
I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles,
To be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

7 Thus saith JEHOVAH,
The Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One;
To him, who is despised of men; to him whom
the nation abhorreth;
To the servant of rulers:
Kings shall see him, and shall rise up;
Princes, and they shall bow themselves:
Because of JEHOVAH, who is faithful;
The Holy One of Israel, who hast chosen thee.
8 Thus saith JEHOVAH:
In time of mercy will I hear thee,
And in the day of salvation will I help thee;
And I will preserve thee, and give thee for
a covenant of the people;
To restore the land, to give possession of the
desolate heritages:
9 Saying to the bounden, Go forth;
To those that are in darkness, Come into light.
They shall feed beside the ways,
And on all the eminences shall be their pasture.
10 They shall not hunger, nor thirst;
Neither shall the glowing heat, or the sun, smite
them:

For he that hath compassion on them, shall lead them;
And shall guide them to the bursting springs of water.
11 And I will make all my mountains an even way;
And my causeways shall be raised on high.
12 Behold! these shall come from far;
And lo! these from the North and the West;
And these from the land of Sinim.

13 Sing aloud, O ye heavens; and rejoice, O earth;
Ye mountains, burst forth into song:
For JEHOVAH hath comforted his people,
And hath had compassion on his afflicted.

14 But Zion saith: JEHOVAH hath forsaken me;
And the Lord hath forgotten me.
15 Can a woman forget her suckling;
That she should have no tenderness for the son of her womb?
Yea, they may forget;
Yet I will not forget thee.
16 Behold on the palms of my hands have I graven thee:
Thy walls are ever in my sight.
17 Thy sons have made haste:
Thy destroyers and thy demolishers have departed from thee.
18 Lift up thine eyes around, and see;

All these are gathered together, they come to thee.
As I live saith JEHOVAH,
Surely thou shalt clothe thyself with them all, as with an ornament;
And thou shalt bind them on thee as doth a bride.
19 For in thy waste, and in thy desolate places,
And thy land laid in ruins;
Even now shalt thou be straitened by reason of the inhabitants;
And they that devoured thee shall be removed far away.
20 Thy sons, of whom thou wast bereaved, shall again say in thine ears:
This place is too strait for me; make way for me that I may dwell.
21 And thou shalt say in thine heart: Who hath begotten me these?
I was childless and barren;
An exile, and an outcast; who then hath nursed these up?
Lo! I was left alone; these then, where were they?
22 Thus saith the Lord JEHOVAH:
Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations,
And to the peoples I will raise my signal;
And they shall bring thy sons in their bosom,
And thy daughters shall be borne on their shoulder:
23 And kings shall be thy foster-fathers,

And their queens thy nursing-mothers:
With their faces to the earth shall they bow down unto thee,
And shall lick the dust of thy feet.
And thou shalt know, that I am JEHOVAH;
For they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

24 Shall the spoil be taken away from the mighty?
Or shall the captive seized by right of strength be rescued?
25 Yea, thus saith JEHOVAH;
Even the captive seized by the mighty shall be retaken;
And the spoil seized by the terrible shall be rescued:
For with those, that contend with thee, I will contend;
And I will save thy children.
26 And I will gorge thine oppressors with their own flesh;
And with their own blood, as with new wine, shall they be drunken:
And all flesh shall know,
That I JEHOVAH am thy Saviour;
And that thy Redeemer is the Mighty One of Jacob.

CHAP. L.

1 THUS saith JEHOVAH:
Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement,

By which I have dismissed her?
Or who is he among my creditors,
To whom I have sold you?
Behold, for your iniquities are ye sold;
And for your transgressions is your mother dismissed.
2 Wherefore came I, and there was no man?
Called I, and none answered?
Is mine hand indeed shortened, that it cannot redeem?
And have I no power to deliver?
Behold, at my rebuke I make dry the sea;
I make the rivers a desert:
Their fish is become putrid, because there is no water;
And dieth away for thirst.
3 I clothe the heavens with blackness;
And sackcloth I make their covering.

4 The Lord JEHOVAH hath given me the tongue of the learned;
That I might know how to speak a seasonable word to the weary.
He wakeneth morning by morning,
He wakeneth mine ear, to hearken with the attention of a learner.
5 The Lord JEHOVAH hath opened mine ear;
And I was not rebellious;
Neither did I withdraw myself backward.
6 I gave my back to the smiters,

And my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair:
My face I hid not from shame and spitting.
7 For the Lord JEHOVAH is my helper;
Therefore I am not ashamed.
Therefore have I set my face like a flint;
And I know that I shall not be confounded.
8 He that justified me is near at hand:
Who is he that will contend with me? let us stand forth together:
Who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.
9 Behold, the Lord JEHOVAH is my helper;
Who is he that shall condemn me?
Lo! all of them shall wax old as a garment;
The moth shall consume them.

10 Who is there among you that feareth JEHOVAH?
That hearkeneth unto the voice of his servant:
That walketh in darkness and hath no light?
Let him trust in the name of JEHOVAH;
And rest himself on the support of his God.
11 Behold, all ye who kindle a fire;
Who are begirt with burning arrows:
Walk ye in the light of your fire,
And amid the burning arrows which ye have kindled.
From my hand shall this befal you;
In sorrow ye shall lie down.

CHAP. LI.

1 HEARKEN unto me, ye that follow after
righteousness,
Ye that seek JEHOVAH:
Look unto the rock, from whence ye were hewn;
And to the hole of the pit, whence ye were digged.
2 Look unto Abraham your father;
And unto Sarah, who bare you:
For I have called him, being a single person,
And I have blessed him, and have multiplied
him.
3 For JEHOVAH shall comfort Zion;
He will comfort all her desolate places:
And he will make her wilderness like Eden;
And her desert like the garden of JEHOVAH:
Joy and gladness shall be found in her;
Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

4 Attend unto me, my people;
And give ear unto me, O my nation:
For the law from me shall proceed;
And my judgment will I cause to break forth
for a light to the peoples.
5 My righteousness is at hand; my salvation
goeth forth;
And mine arm shall dispense judgment to the
peoples:
Unto me shall the isles look with expectation,
And on mine arm shall they wait.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
And look to the earth beneath:
Verily the heavens shall pass away, like smoke;
And the earth shall wax old, like a garment;
And its inhabitants shall likewise perish:
But my salvation shall endure for ever;
And my righteousness shall not decay.

7 HEARKEN unto me, ye that know righteousness;
The people in whose heart is my law:
Fear not the reproach of mortal man;
Neither be ye borne down by their revilings:
8 For the moth shall consume them, like a garment;
And the worm shall eat them, like wool:
But my righteousness shall endure for ever;
And my salvation from generation to generation.

9 Awake, awake, clothe thyself with strength, O Arm of JEHOVAH!
Awake, as in the days of old, the ancient generations.
Art thou not the same, that smote Rahab, that wounded the dragon?
10 Art thou not the same, that dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep?
That made the depths of the sea a path for the redeemed to pass over?
11 Thus shall the ransomed of JEHOVAH return,

And come to Zion with loud acclamation :
And everlasting gladness shall rest upon their head ;
Joy and gladness shall they obtain,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you :
Who art thou, that thou shouldest fear man, that dieth ;
And the son of man, that shall become as the grass ?
13 And shouldest forget JEHOVAH thy maker,
Who hath stretched out the heavens, and hath founded the earth;
And shouldest fear continually, every day,
Because of the fury of the oppressor,
As if he were just ready to destroy :
And where now is the fury of the oppressor ?
14 The prisoner shall soon be released :
He shall not die in the pit,
Neither shall his bread fail.
15 For I am JEHOVAH thy God ;
He, who setteth the sea in commotion :
JEHOVAH of hosts is his name.
16 I have put my words in thy mouth ;
And with the shadow of my hand have I covered thee :
That I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth ;
And say unto Zion, Thou art my people.
17 Awake, awake ; stand up, O Jerusalem !

Which hast drunken from the hand of JEHOVAH
the cup of his fury:
The dregs of the cup of trembling, hast thou
drunken; thou hast wrung them out.
18 There is not one to guide her, of all the sons
which she hath brought forth.
Neither is there one to support her by the hand,
of all the sons which she hath brought up.
19 These two things have befallen thee, who shall
bemoan thee?
Desolation, and destruction; the famine, and
the sword; by whom shall I comfort thee?
20 Thy sons have fainted away; they lie down at
the head of all the streets,
As a stag in a net;
Being full of the fury of JEHOVAH, the rebuke
of thy God.
21 Wherefore hear now this, O thou afflicted
daughter;
And thou drunken, but not with wine.
22 Thus saith thy Lord JEHOVAH;
And thy God, who pleadeth for his people;
Behold, I take from thy hand the cup of trem-
bling;
The dregs of the cup of my fury;
Thou shalt no more drink it again.
23 But I will put it into the hand of them that
afflict thee;
Who have said to thy soul, Bow down, that
we may go over:

And thou bowest down thy back, as the ground;
And as the street, to them that pass along.

CHAP. LII.

1 AWAKE, awake; be clothed with thy strength, O Zion:
Clothe thyself with thy glorious garments, O Jerusalem, thou holy city!
For no more shall enter into thee the uncircumcised and the polluted.
2 Shake thyself from the dust, arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem:
Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion!
3 For thus saith JEHOVAH:
For nought have ye been sold;
And not with money shall ye be ransomed.
4 For thus saith the Lord JEHOVAH:
To Egypt did my people go down aforetime to sojourn there:
And the Assyrian hath oppressed them without cause.
5 And now, what have I to do here, saith JEHOVAH:
Seeing that my people is taken away for nought;
Their rulers howl, saith JEHOVAH;
And continually, every day, is my name blasphemed:
6 Therefore shall my people know my name in that day:
For I am He, who hath promised; lo! here I am.

7 How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of the joyful messenger; of him that announceth peace!
Of the joyful messenger of good tidings; of him that announceth salvation!
Of him that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
8 The voice of thy watchmen! they lift up the voice; they shout together:
For face to face shall they see,
When JEHOVAH restoreth Zion.
9 Burst forth into joy, shout together,
Ye waste places of Jerusalem!
For JEHOVAH hath comforted his people,
He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
10 JEHOVAH hath made bare his holy arm, in the sight of all the nations;
And all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

11 Depart, depart ye, go ye out from thence;
Touch no polluted thing:
Go ye out from the midst of her;
Be ye clean, O ye that bear the vessels of JEHOVAH!
12 Verily not in haste shall ye go forth;
And not by flight shall ye march along:
For JEHOVAH shall march in your front;
And the God of Israel shall bring up your rear.

13 BEHOLD, my servant shall prosper;
He shall be raised aloft, and exalted, and be very high.
14 As many were astonished at thee;
(His countenance was disfigured more than any man;
And his form more than the sons of men;)
15 So shall he set in joyful astonishment many nations:
Before him shall kings shut their mouths;
For what was not before declared unto them, they shall see;
And what they had not heard, they shall perceive.

CHAP. LIII.

1 Who hath believed our report;
And to whom hath the arm of JEHOVAH been revealed?
2 For he hath grown up like a tender shoot before him;
And like a root out of a dry ground:
He hath no form, nor glory; and when we see him,
There is no beauty, that we should desire him.
3 He hath been despised, and the most abject of men;
A man of sorrows, and conspicuous through grief;
And as one that hideth his face from us:
He hath been despised, and we have esteemed him not.

4 Surely our infirmities he hath borne;
And our sorrows, he hath carried them:
Yet we did esteem him stricken;
Smitten of God, and afflicted.
5 But he hath been pierced for our transgressions;
Hath been bruised for our iniquities:
The chastisement, by which our peace is effected,
hath been laid upon him;
And by his stripes we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned aside, every one to his own
way;
And JEHOVAH hath caused to fall upon him
the iniquity of us all:
7 It was exacted; and he became answerable,
and hath not opened his mouth;
As a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb;
So he opened not his mouth.
8 By an oppressive judgment he hath been taken
off;
And his manner of life who would declare?
For he hath been cut off from the land of the
living;
For the transgression of my people hath he
been stricken.
9 Though his sepulchre was appointed with the
wicked;
Yet it was with the rich at his death,
Because he had done no violence;

Neither was any deceit found in his mouth.
10 And it hath pleased JEHOVAH to bruise him;
he hath caused him to be afflicted: [saying]
If his soul shall become a trespass offering,
He shall see [his] seed; he shall prolong [his] days,
And the gracious purpose of JEHOVAH shall prosper in his hands.
11 Of the travail of his soul he shall see, and shall be satisfied;
By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many;
For he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore will I distribute to him the many for his portion;
And the mighty people shall he share for his spoil:
Because he hath poured out his soul unto death;
And hath been numbered with the transgressors:
And he hath borne the sin of many;
And hath made intercession for the transgressors.

CHAP. LIV.

1 SHOUT for joy, O thou barren, that didst not bear;
Break forth into joyful shouting, and exult, thou that didst not travail:
For more are the children of the desolate,

Than the children of the married woman, saith
JEHOVAH.
2 Enlarge the place of thy tent;
And let the curtains of thy tabernacles be
extended:
Spare not; lengthen thy cords,
And firmly fix thy stakes:
3 For on thy right hand, and on the left, thou
shalt burst forth with increase;
And thy seed shall inherit the nations;
And they shall inhabit the desolate cities.
4 Fear not, for thou shalt not be confounded;
And blush not, for thou shalt not be brought
to reproach:
For thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth;
And the reproach of thy widowhood thou shalt
remember no more:
5 For thy husband is thy maker;
JEHOVAH of hosts is his name:
And thy Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel:
The God of the whole earth shall he be called.
6 For as a woman forsaken, and vexed in spirit,
hath JEHOVAH called thee;
And as a wife, wedded in youth, but afterward
rejected, saith thy God.
7 For a short moment have I forsaken thee;
But with great mercies will I receive thee
again:
8 In vehemence of wrath I hid my face for a
moment from thee;

But with everlasting kindness will I have
mercy on thee;
Saith thy redeemer JEHOVAH.
9 For this is [as] the waters of Noah unto me,
when I sware,
That the waters of Noah should no more pass
over the earth;
So have I sworn, that I will not be wroth with
thee, nor rebuke thee.
10 Although the mountains should depart;
And the hills be removed;
Yet my kindness from thee shall not depart;
And my covenant of peace shall not be
removed;
Saith JEHOVAH, who beareth towards thee the
most tender affection.
11 O thou afflicted, beaten with the storm,
destitute of consolation!
Behold, I lay thy stones in cement of vermilion,
And thy foundations with sapphires:
12 And I will make of rubies thy battlements;
And thy gates of carbuncles;
And the whole circuit of thy walls shall be of
precious stones.
13 And all thy children shall be taught by
JEHOVAH;
And great shall be the prosperity of thy
children.
14 In righteousness shalt thou be established:

Be thou far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear;
And from terror; for it shall not approach thee.
15 Behold, they shall be leagued together, but not by my command;
Whosoever is leagued against thee, shall come over to thy side.
16 Behold, I have created the smith,
Who bloweth up the coals into a fire,
And produceth instruments according to his work;
And I have created the destroyer to lay waste.
17 Whatever weapon is formed against thee, it shall not prosper;
And every tongue that riseth up against thee in judgment, thou shalt prove guilty.
This is the heritage of the servants of JEHOVAH,
And their justification is of me, saith JEHOVAH.

CHAP. LV.

1 Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters!
And he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat;
Yea, come, buy ye wine and milk,
Without money and without price.
2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?
And your labour, for that which will not satisfy?

Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that
which is good;
And let your soul delight itself in fatness.
3 Incline your ear, and come unto me;
Hear, and your soul shall live:
And I will make with you an everlasting
covenant;
Even the sure mercies of David.
4 Behold, for a commander to the peoples I have
given him;
A chief and a ruler to the peoples.
5 Behold, a nation, which thou knewest not,
shalt thou call;
And a nation, which knew not thee, shall run
unto thee:
For the sake of JEHOVAH thy God;
And for the Holy One of Israel, for he hath
glorified thee.

6 Seek ye JEHOVAH, while he may be found;
Call ye upon him, while he is near:
7 Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
And let him return unto JEHOVAH, that he may
have compassion upon him;
And unto our God; for he aboundeth in for-
giveness.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts;
Neither are your ways my ways, saith JEHOVAH.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth;

So are my ways higher than your ways,
And my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 Verily, like as the rain descendeth,
And the snow from the heavens;
And returneth not thither:
But watereth the earth,
And maketh it bring forth and bud;
That it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
11 So shall my word be, which goeth forth from my mouth;
It shall not return unto me fruitless;
But it shall perform what I have willed;
And shall accomplish that, for which I sent it.
12 Surely with joy shall ye go forth,
And with peace shall ye be led onward:
The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into song;
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of thorny bushes shall grow up the fir-tree;
And instead of the bramble shall grow up the myrtle:
And it shall be unto JEHOVAH for a name;
For a perpetual sign, which shall not be cut off.

CHAP. LVI.

1 THUS saith JEHOVAH:
Keep ye judgment, and do justice;

For my salvation is just ready to come;
And my righteousness to be revealed.
2 Blessed is the man, that doeth this;
And the son of man, that layeth hold on it;
That keepeth the sabbath, and profaneth it not;
And restraineth his hand from doing any evil.

3 And let not the son of the stranger speak,
That cleaveth unto JEHOVAH, saying:
JEHOVAH hath utterly separated me from his people.
Neither let the eunuch say:
Behold, I am a dry tree.
4 For thus saith JEHOVAH unto the eunuchs,
That keep my sabbaths,
And choose that in which I delight,
And lay hold of my covenant;
5 To them will I give in my house,
And within my walls, a memorial and a name,
Better than that of sons and daughters:
An everlasting name will I give them,
Which shall never be cut off.
6 And the sons of the stranger, who cleave unto JEHOVAH;
To minister unto him, and to love the name of JEHOVAH,
And to become his servants:
Every one that keepeth the sabbath, and profaneth it not;

And that layeth hold of my covenant:
7 Them will I bring unto my holy mountain;
And make them joyful in my house of prayer:
Their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted on mine altar;
For my house shall be called, The house of prayer for all the peoples.
8 Thus saith the Lord JEHOVAH,
Who gathereth together the outcasts of Israel:
Yet will I gather others unto him, beside those that are already gathered.

9 O ALL ye beasts of the field, come to devour;
O all ye beasts of the forest!
10 His watchmen are blind, all of them; they are ignorant;
They are all of them dumb dogs, they cannot bark:
Dreaming, stretching along, loving to slumber.
11 Yea these dogs are of untamed appetite;
They can never have enough.
And the shepherds themselves cannot understand:
They all of them turn aside to their own way;
Each to his own gain, from the highest to the lowest.
12 Come on, let me fetch wine;
And let us fill ourselves with strong drink;
And as this day shall to-morrow be;
Great, even far more abundant.

CHAP. LVII.

1 THE righteous man perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart;
And pious men are taken away, and no one considereth
That out of the way of evil the righteous man is taken away.
2 He shall go in peace;
They shall rest upon their beds,
Every one that walketh in the straight path before him.
3 But ye, draw ye near hither, O ye sons of the sorceress;
Ye seed of the adulterer, and of the harlot!
4 Of whom do ye make your sport?
At whom do ye widen the mouth, and put out the tongue?
Are ye not children of apostasy, a lying generation?
5 Burning with the lust of idols under every green tree;
Slaying the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks?
6 Among the smooth stones of the valley is thy portion;
These, these are thy lot:
Even to these thou hast poured forth a drink-offering,
Thou hast offered up a meat-offering.

Shall I be comforted by these things?
7 Upon a high and lofty mountain thou hast set thy bed:
Even thither thou hast gone up to offer sacrifice.
8 Behind the door and the door-posts thou hast set thy memorial;
For to another than me thou hast uncovered thyself, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed;
And thou hast made a covenant with them:
Thou hast loved their bed,
The place which thou hast chosen.
9 And thou hast visited the king with a present of oil;
And hast multiplied thy precious ointments:
And thou hast sent thine ambassadors far off;
And hast debased thyself even to Hades.
10 In the length of thy journeys thou didst weary thyself;
Thou saidst not, There is no hope:
Thou didst find vigour of strength;
Therefore thou hast not utterly fainted.
11 And of whom hast thou been fearful and afraid; that thou shouldest deal falsely?
Whereas thou hast not remembered me; nor hast laid it to thine heart?
Have I not been silent, even from of old,
And thou fearest me not?
12 I will declare thy righteousness;
And thy works, but they shall not profit thee.

13 When thou criest, let thine associates deliver thee:
But the wind shall carry them all away; a breath shall take them off.
But he that trusteth in me shall inherit the land,
And shall possess my holy mountain.

14 For then shall he say: Cast up, cast up the causeway; make clear the way;
Remove every stumbling-block from the way of my people.
15 For thus saith the high, and the lofty One,
That inhabiteth eternity, and whose name is Holy:
I dwell in the high and the holy place;
With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit:
To revive the spirit of the humble;
And to revive the heart of the contrite.
16 For I will not alway contend;
Neither for ever will I be wroth:
For the spirit from before me would languish away;
And the living souls, which I have made.
17 For the iniquity of his avarice was I wroth;
And I smote him, hiding my face, and was wroth:
But he went on frowardly in the way of his own heart.
18 I have seen his ways; and I will heal him, and will be his guide;

And I will restore comforts to him, and to his mourners.
19 I create the fruit of the lips:
Peace, peace, to him that is afar off,
And to him that is near, saith JEHOVAH; and I will heal him.
20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea;
For it never can be at rest;
But its waters cast up filth and mire.
21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

CHAP. LVIII.

1 CRY aloud; spare not:
Lift up thy voice like a trumpet;
And declare unto my people their transgression;
And to the house of Jacob their sin.
2 Yet they seek me daily;
And delight to know my ways:
As a nation that did righteousness,
And had not forsaken the ordinance of their God.
They ask of me righteous ordinances;
They take delight to draw nigh unto God.
3 Wherefore have we fasted, and thou seest not?
Have afflicted our souls, and thou dost not regard?
Behold, in the day of your fasting ye find pleasure,
And all your tasks of labour ye exact.
4 Behold, ye fast for strife and contention;

And to smite with the fist of wickedness.
Ye fast not this day,
So as to cause your voice to be heard on high.
5 Is such then the fast, which I choose;
A day for a man to afflict his soul?
Is it, that he should bow down his head like a bulrush;
And spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Wilt thou call this a fast,
And a day acceptable to JEHOVAH?
6 Is not this the fast, which I choose?
To loosen the fetters of wickedness;
To untie the bands of the yoke;
And to let the oppressed go free,
And that ye should break asunder every yoke?
7 Is it not to distribute thy bread to the hungry;
And to bring the poor that are persecuted into thy house?
When thou seest the naked, that thou clothe him;
And that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?
8 Then thy light shall break forth like the dawn;
And thy prosperity shall spring forth speedily:
And thy righteousness shall go before thee;
And the glory of JEHOVAH shall bring up thy rear.
9 Then shalt thou call, and JEHOVAH shall answer;

And thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Lo, I
am here!
If thou remove from the midst of thee the yoke;
The pointing of the finger, and the mischievous
speech.
10 If thou impart to the hungry, of thine own
sustenance,
And satisfy the afflicted soul;
Then shall thy light rise in obscurity,
And thy darkness shall be as the noon-day.
11 And JEHOVAH shall guide thee continually,
And satisfy thy soul in the severest drought;
And thy bones shall he strengthen:
And thou shalt be like a well-watered garden,
and like a flowing spring,
Whereof the waters never fail.
12 And they that spring from thee shall build the
waste places of old;
What lay in ruins from generation to generation
shalt thou raise up:
And thou shalt be called, The repairer of the
breach;
The restorer of paths for the inhabitants.
13 If thou refrain thy foot from the sabbath;
From doing thy pleasure on my holy day:
And shalt call the sabbath, a delight;
The holy of JEHOVAH, honourable:
And shalt honour it, not doing thine own ways;
Nor seeking thine own pleasure, nor using idle
talk:

14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in JEHOVAH;
And I will cause thee to ride on the high places of the earth;
And I will feed thee on the inheritance of Jacob thy father:
For the mouth of JEHOVAH hath spoken it.

CHAP. LIX.

1 BEHOLD, the hand of JEHOVAH is not shortened, that it cannot save;
Neither is his ear grown dull, that it cannot hear.
2 But your iniquities have made a separation,
Between you and your God;
And your sins have hidden his face from you, that he will not hear.
3 For your hands are polluted with blood,
And your fingers with iniquity:
Your lips speak falsehood,
And your tongue muttereth wickedness.
4 No one preferreth his suit in justice,
And no one pleadeth in truth:
Trusting in vanity, and speaking lies,
They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
5 They hatch the eggs of the basilisk,
And weave the webs of the spider:
He that eateth of their eggs, dieth;
And when it is crushed, a viper breaketh forth.
6 Their webs shall not become garments,

Neither shall they cover themselves with their
works:
Their works are works of iniquity,
And the deed of violence is in their hands.
7 Their feet run swift to evil,
And they hasten to shed innocent blood:
Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;
Ruin and devastation are in their paths.
8 The way of peace they know not;
And there is no regard to right in their goings:
They have made to themselves crooked paths;
Whoso walketh in them, shall not know peace.
9 Therefore is judgment far distant from us;
Neither doth deliverance draw near to us:
We look for light, but behold darkness;
For brightness, but we walk in gloom.
10 We grope for the wall like the blind;
And we grope, as those that are deprived of sight;
We stumble at mid-day, as in the dark:
In the midst of plenty, like unto the dead.
11 We roar like bears, every one of us;
And like the doves we continually moan.
We look for judgment, and there is none;
For salvation, and it is far distant from us.
12 For our transgressions are multiplied before
thee;
And our sins testify against us;
For our transgressions cleave fast unto us;
And as for our iniquities, we know them.
13 We have apostatized, and have denied JEHOVAH;

And have departed away from our God;
Speaking oppression and revolt,
Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.
14 And judgment is turned away backwards,
And justice standeth aloof:
For truth hath stumbled in the court of justice;
And rectitude hath not been able to enter.
15 Yea, truth is utterly lost;
And he that shunneth evil, maketh himself a prey:
And JEHOVAH saw it,
And it displeased him, that there was no judgment.
16 And he saw, that there was no man;
And he wondered, that there was no one to interpose:
Therefore his own arm wrought salvation for him;
And his righteousness, it supported him.
17 And he put on righteousness, as a coat of mail;
And the helmet of salvation was on his head:
And he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing;
And he clad himself with zeal, as with a mantle.
18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will requite;
Wrath to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies;
To the islands a recompense will he requite.

19 And they from the west shall revere the name
of JEHOVAH;
And they from the rising of the sun, his glory:
For he shall come as a river straitened in its
course,
Which the breath of JEHOVAH driveth onward.
20 For the Redeemer shall come to Zion,
And unto them that turn from transgression in
Jacob,
Saith JEHOVAH.
21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith
JEHOVAH:
My spirit, which is upon thee,
And my words, which I have put in thy mouth;
They shall not depart from thy mouth,
Nor from the mouth of thy seed,
Nor from the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith
JEHOVAH;
From this time forth for ever.

CHAP. LX.

1 ARISE, shine; for thy light is come;
And the glory of JEHOVAH is risen upon thee.
2 For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth;
And thick darkness the nations:
But upon thee shall JEHOVAH arise,
And his glory shall be seen upon thee.
3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light,
And kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see;
All of them are gathered together, they come unto thee:
Thy sons shall come from far;
And thy daughters shall be carried at the side.
5 Then shalt thou fear, and overflow with joy;
And thy heart shall throb, and become dilated;
When the riches of the sea shall be poured in upon thee;
And the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee.
6 A multitude of camels shall cover thee;
The dromedaries of Midian and Epha;
All of them from Saba, shall come:
Gold and frankincense shall they bear;
And the praise of JEHOVAH shall they proclaim.
7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered unto thee;
The rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee:
They shall ascend with acceptance on mine altar;
And my beauteous house I will yet beautify.
8 Who are these, that fly like a cloud?
And like doves to their holes?
9 Verily the isles shall await me;
And the ships of Tarshish among the first:
To bring thy sons from afar;
Their silver and their gold with them:
Because of the name of JEHOVAH thy God;
And of the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

10 And the sons of the stranger shall build up thy walls;
And their kings shall minister unto thee:
For in my wrath I smote thee;
But in my favour have I had mercy on thee.
11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually;
By day, or by night, they shall not be shut;
To bring unto thee the wealth of the nations;
And their kings royally attended.
12 For that nation and that kingdom,
Which will not serve thee, shall perish;
Yea, those nations shall be utterly desolated.
13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee;
The fir-tree, the pine, and the box together:
To beautify the place of my sanctuary;
And that I may glorify the place, whereon I rest my feet.
14 And the sons of thine oppressors shall come bending before thee:
And all they that despised thee, shall bow them unto the soles of thy feet:
And they shall call thee, The city of JEHOVAH;
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
15 Instead of thy being forsaken,
And hated, so that no one passed through thee;
I will make thee an eternal excellency,
A subject of joy for perpetual generations.
16 And thou shalt suck the milk of nations;
Even at the breast of kings shalt thou be fostered:

And thou shalt know, that I JEHOVAH am thy Saviour;
And thy Redeemer is the Mighty One of Jacob.
17 Instead of brass, I will bring gold;
And instead of iron, I will bring silver;
And instead of wood, brass;
And instead of stones, iron.
And upon thy officers I will bestow peace;
And upon thy rulers, righteousness.
18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land;
Destruction and ruin, in thy borders:
But thou shalt call thy walls salvation;
And thy gates, praise.
19 No more shall the sun be unto thee a light by day;
Neither shall the brightness of the moon enlighten thee:
For JEHOVAH shall be unto thee an everlasting light,
And thy God shall be thy glory.
20 Thy sun shall no more go down;
Neither shall thy moon wane:
For JEHOVAH shall be unto thee an everlasting light,
And the days of thy mourning shall be ended.
21 And thy people shall all be righteous;
For ever they shall inherit the land;
The branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.
22 The little one shall become a thousand;

And the small one a strong nation:
I JEHOVAH in its due time will hasten it.

CHAP. LXI.

1 THE Spirit of the Lord JEHOVAH is upon me;
Because JEHOVAH hath anointed me:
To publish glad tidings to the meek hath he sent me;
To bind up the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And to them that are bound deliverance from prison;
2 To proclaim the year of acceptance with JEHOVAH,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all that mourn;
3 To give unto the mourners of Zion,
To give unto them ornament, instead of ashes;
The oil of gladness, instead of sorrow;
The clothing of praise, instead of the spirit of heaviness;
That they might be called the trees of righteousness,
The plantation of JEHOVAH for his glory.
4 And they shall build up the ruins of old times;
They shall restore the former desolations:
And shall repair the cities laid waste:
The desolations of many generations.
5 And the strangers shall stand up, and feed your flocks;

And the sons of the alien shall be your husbandmen and vine-dressers.
6 But ye shall be called the priests of JEHOVAH;
The ministers of our God, shall men call you.
The riches of the nations shall ye eat;
And in their glory shall ye make your boast.
7 Instead of your shame, ye shall receive a double reward;
And [instead of] reproach, they shall rejoice in their portion;
For in their land a double share shall they inherit:
Everlasting joy shall be unto them.
8 For I JEHOVAH love judgment;
I hate rapine and iniquity;
And I will give them the reward of their work with faithfulness;
And an everlasting covenant I will make with them.
9 And their seed shall be illustrious among the nations;
And their offspring in the midst of the peoples.
All they that see them shall acknowledge them,
That they are a seed, which JEHOVAH hath blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in JEHOVAH,
My soul shall exult in my God;
For he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation;

He hath covered me with the mantle of
righteousness:
As a bridegroom decketh himself with orna-
ments;
And as a bride adorneth herself with her nuptial
attire.
11 Surely, as the earth bringeth forth her bud;
And as a garden causeth the things that are
sown in it to spring forth:
So shall the Lord JEHOVAH cause righteousness
to spring forth,
And praise, in the presence of all the nations.

CHAP. LXII.

1 FOR Zion's sake, I will not keep silence;
And for the sake of Jerusalem I will not rest:
Until her righteousness go forth as brightness;
And her salvation, like a torch that burneth.
2 And the nations shall see thy righteousness;
And all the kings, thy glory:
And thou shalt be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of JEHOVAH shall name.
3 And thou shalt be a beautiful crown in the
hand of JEHOVAH,
And a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.
4 No more shall it be said unto thee, Thou for-
saken!
Neither to thy land shall it be said any more,
Thou desolate!
But thou shalt be called, The object of my delight;

And thy land, The wedded matron:
For JEHOVAH shall delight in thee;
And thy land shall be joined in marriage.

5 For as a young man espouseth himself to a virgin,
So shall thy sons espouse themselves to thee:
And as the bridegroom rejoiceth in his bride,
So shall thy God rejoice in thee.

6 Upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, have I set watchmen:
All the day and all the night long they shall not keep silence.
O ye, that mention JEHOVAH, keep not silence,
7 And give him no rest
Until he establish, and until he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
8 JEHOVAH hath sworn by his right hand, and by his powerful arm:
I will no more give thy corn for food to thine enemies;
And the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine for which thou hast laboured:
9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it,
And shall praise JEHOVAH:
And they that brought it in, shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

10 Pass ye, pass through the gates;
Prepare the way for the people;

Cast up, cast up the causeway, clear it of stones;
Lift up on high a standard to the nations.
11 Behold, JEHOVAH hath proclaimed unto the end of the earth:
Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy Saviour cometh!
Behold, his reward is with him, and the recompence of his work before him.
12 And they shall be called, The holy people, The redeemed of JEHOVAH:
And thou shalt be called, The much frequented, The city unforsaken.

CHAP. LXIII.

1 WHO is this that cometh from Edom?
With dyed garments from Bozrah?
This, that is glorious in his apparel;
Marching onward in the greatness of his strength?
I, who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.
2 Wherefore is thine apparel red?
And thy garments, as of one that treadeth the wine-vat?
3 I have trodden the wine-press alone;
And of the peoples there was not a man with me:
For I trod them in mine anger;
And trampled them in mine indignation;
So that their blood was sprinkled upon my garments;

And I stained all mine apparel.
4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart:
And the year of my redeemed was come.
5 And I looked, and there was no one to help;
And I was astonished that there was no one to uphold:
Therefore mine own arm wrought salvation for me,
And mine indignation, it upheld me.
6 And I trod down the peoples in mine anger;
And made them drunk in mine indignation;
And made their blood to sink down into the earth.

7 The lovingkindnesses of JEHOVAH will I mention, the praises of JEHOVAH;
According to all that JEHOVAH hath bestowed upon us:
And his great goodness towards the house of Israel;
Which he hath bestowed upon them, according to his mercies, and according to his great kindness.
8 For he said: Surely they are my people,
Children that will not prove false;
So he became their Saviour.
9 In all their adversity, he was not their adversary;
But the angel of his presence saved them:
In his love, and in his clemency, He redeemed them;

And he took them up, and he carried them, all
the days of old.
10 But they rebelled, and grieved his holy Spirit;
Therefore he was turned to be their enemy,
And he fought against them.
11 Then remembered his people those ancient
days of Moses:
Where is he, who brought them up from the
sea with the shepherd of his flock?
Where is he, who put his holy Spirit within him?
12 Who caused his own glorious arm to march at
the right hand of Moses,
Dividing the waters before them,
To make to himself an everlasting name?
13 Who led them through the depths of the sea,
As a horse through a desert, that they should
not stumble?
14 As the herd descendeth to the valley,
The Spirit of JEHOVAH hath caused them to
rest:
So didst thou lead thy people,
To make to thyself a glorious name.
15 Look down from heaven, and see from thy
holy and glorious dwelling:
Where is thy zeal and thy might,
The yearning of thy bowels, and thy tender af-
fections toward me? Are they restrained?
16 Doubtless thou art our Father;
For Abraham knoweth us not,
And Israel doth not acknowledge us.

Thou, O JEHOVAH, art our Father:
Our Redeemer from everlasting is thy name.
17 Wherefore, O JEHOVAH, dost thou suffer us to
err from thy ways?
Dost harden our hearts from thy fear?
Return for the sake of thy servants,
The tribes of thine inheritance.
18 Thy holy people have possessed the land but
a little time;
Our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary:
19 We have long been as those, whom thou hast
not ruled;
Who have not been called by thy name.

CHAP. LXIV.

1 O! that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that
thou wouldest descend;
That the mountains might melt at thy presence!
2 As the fire kindleth the dry fuel;
As the fire causeth the waters to boil:
To make known thy name to thine enemies;
That the nations might tremble at thy presence.
3 When thou didst wonderful things, which we
expected not;
Thou didst descend; at thy presence the mountains melted.
4 For never have men heard, nor perceived by
the ear;

Neither hath eye seen a god beside Thee,
Who doeth such things for those that trust in him.
5 Thou meetest those that rejoice and do justice,
They that remember thee in thy ways:
Behold, as for thee, thou wast wroth, when we sinned;
Thou hast been against them of old, but we shall be saved.
6 But we are all as an unclean thing;
And all our righteousnesses as a garment of filthiness:
And we are all withered as a leaf;
And our iniquities, like the wind, have borne us away.
7 There is not one that calleth upon thy name;
That stirreth up himself to take hold on thee:
Therefore thou hast hidden thy face from us,
And hast caused us to melt away by reason of our sins.
8 But now, O JEHOVAH, thou art our Father;
We are the clay, and thou hast formed us:
We are all of us the work of thy hand.
9 Be not wroth, O JEHOVAH, to the uttermost;
Neither for ever remember iniquity:
Behold, look upon us, we beseech thee; we are all thy people.
10 Thy holy cities are become a wilderness;
Zion is become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house,
Wherein our fathers praised thee,
Is utterly burnt up with fire;
And all the objects of our desire are become a devastation.
12 Wilt thou contain thyself at these things, O JEHOVAH?
Wilt thou keep silence, and still grievously afflict us?

CHAP. LXV.

1 I HAVE answered unto those, who did not ask of me;
I am found of them that sought me not:
I have said: Behold me, behold me,
To a nation that was not called by my name.
2 I have spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people,
Who walk in an evil way after their own devices.
3 A people, who provoke me to my face continually;
Sacrificing in the gardens, and burning incense on the tiles:
4 Who dwell in the sepulchres, and lodge in the caverns;
Who eat the flesh of swine;
And broth of abominable meats is in their vessels.

5 Who say: Keep to thyself; come not near me;
for I am holy beyond thee.
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
A fire burning all the day long.
6 Behold, it is in writing before me:
I will not keep silence, but I will certainly recompense;
Even recompense into their bosom,
7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith JEHOVAH;
For that they have burnt incense on the mountains, and reviled me upon the hills;
Yea, I will measure their former work into their bosom.

8 Thus saith JEHOVAH:
As when one findeth the must in a cluster of grapes;
And saith: Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it:
So will I do for the sake of my servants; I will not destroy the whole.
9 For I will cause to go forth from Jacob a seed,
And from Judah an inheritor of my mountain;
And my chosen shall inherit it;
And my servants shall dwell there.
10 And Sharon shall be a fold for the flock,
And the valley of Achor a resting-place for the herd;
For my people that have sought me.

11 But ye, who have deserted JEHOVAH;
And have forgotten my holy mountain:
Who set in order a table for Gad;
And fill out a libation for Meni:
12 You will I number out to the sword;
And all of you shall bow down to the slaughter:
Because I called, and ye answered not;
I spake, and ye would not hear:
But ye did that, which is evil in my sight;
And chose that wherein I delighted not.
13 Wherefore thus saith the Lord JEHOVAH:
Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be famished;
Behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty;
Behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:
14 Behold, my servants shall sing aloud, for gladness of heart;
But ye shall cry aloud, for grief of heart;
And ye shall howl through the anguish of a broken spirit.
15 And ye shall leave your name for an oath unto my chosen;
And the Lord JEHOVAH shall slay you;
And his servants shall he call by another name.
16 Whoso blesseth himself upon the earth,
Shall bless himself by the God of truth:
And whoso sweareth upon the earth,
Shall swear by the God of truth.

Because the former troubles are forgotten;
And because they are hidden from mine eyes.
17 For behold, I create new heavens, and a new earth;
And the former shall not be remembered,
Nor come into mind.
18 But ye shall rejoice and exult for ever, whom I create;
For behold, I create Jerusalem an exultation,
And her people a joy.
19 And I will exult in Jerusalem, and I will rejoice in my people:
And there shall not be heard any more therein
The voice of weeping and the voice of a distressful cry.
20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days,
Or an old man, who hath not fulfilled his days;
For the man of an hundred years shall die a child;
But the sinner, being an hundred years old, shall be accursed.
21 And they shall build houses, and shall inhabit them;
And they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.
22 They shall not build, and another inhabit;
They shall not plant, and another eat:
For as the days of a tree, shall be the days of my people;

And my chosen shall long enjoy the work of
their own hands.
23 They shall not labour in vain,
Nor bring forth children for instant death;
For they shall be a seed blessed of JEHOVAH;
They, and their offspring with them.
24 And it shall be, that before they call, I will
answer;
And while they are yet speaking, I shall have
heard.
25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox:
But as for the serpent, dust shall be his food.
They shall not hurt, neither shall they destroy,
In all my holy mountain, saith JEHOVAH.

CHAP. LXVI.

1 THUS saith JEHOVAH:
The heaven is my throne; and the earth is my
footstool;
Where is the house, which ye build for me?
And where is the place of my rest?
2 For all these things my hand hath made;
And they all of them exist, saith JEHOVAH.
But to this man will I look,
To him that is humble and of a contrite spirit,
And that trembleth at my word.
3 He that slayeth an ox, killeth a man;
That sacrificeth a lamb, beheadeth a dog;

That maketh an oblation, [offereth] swine's blood;
That burneth incense, blesseth an idol:
Yea, they have chosen their own ways;
And their soul delighteth in their abominations.
4 I will also choose the things most afflicting to them;
And what they dread, I will bring upon them:
Because I called, and no one answered;
I spake, and they would not hear:
And they have done, what is evil in my sight;
And that, in which I delighted not, they have chosen.

5 Hear ye the word of JEHOVAH,
Ye that tremble at his word;
Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out,
Say, JEHOVAH shall be glorified on account of my name:
But He will appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of tumult from the city! a voice from the temple!
The voice of JEHOVAH! rendering recompense to his enemies.

7 Before she was in travail, she brought forth:
Before her pangs came, she was delivered of a male.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? and who hath
seen the like of these things?
Shall the earth be made to bring forth in
one day?
Shall a nation be born at once?
For no sooner was Zion in travail, than she
brought forth her children.
9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to
bring forth? saith JEHOVAH:
Shall I, who beget, restrain the birth? saith
your God.
10 Rejoice with Jerusalem,
And exult on her account, all ye that love her:
Joy with her exceedingly,
All ye that mourn over her:
11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied, from the
breast of her consolations;
That ye may press out, and be delighted with
the abundant splendour of her glory.

12 For thus saith JEHOVAH:
Behold, I will extend peace to her like a
river;
And the glory of the Gentiles like an overflow-
ing stream:
And ye shall suck at the breast;
Ye shall be carried at the side;
And on the knees shall ye be dandled.
13 As one, whom his mother comforteth,
So will I comfort you:

And in Jerusalem shall ye be comforted.
14 And ye shall see it, and your heart shall rejoice;
And your bones shall flourish, like the green herb:
And the hand of JEHOVAH shall be manifested to his servants;
And he will be moved with indignation against his enemies.
15 For, behold! JEHOVAH shall come in fire,
And like the whirlwind, his chariots;
To requite his anger in a burning heat,
And his rebuke in flames of fire.
16 For by fire shall JEHOVAH execute judgment,
And by his sword, upon all flesh;
And many shall be the slain of JEHOVAH.

17 They who sanctify themselves, and purify themselves
In the gardens, one after the other openly;
Who eat swine's flesh, and what is abomination, and the mouse;
Together shall they perish saith JEHOVAH.
18 As for me, O their works and their thoughts!
It shall come, that I will gather together all the nations and tongues;
And they shall come, and shall see my glory.
19 And I will set a sign among them;

And I will send those that escape of them,
unto the nations;
To Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the
bow,
To Tubal and Javan; to the isles afar off,
That have not heard my fame;
Neither have seen my glory:
And they shall declare my glory among the
nations.
20 And they shall bring all your brethren,
From all the nations, for an oblation to
JEHOVAH;
On horses, and in chariots, and in litters;
On mules, and on dromedaries;
To my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith
JEHOVAH;
Like as the sons of Israel brought the oblation,
In pure vessels, to the house of JEHOVAH.
21 And of them will I also take,
For priests, and for Levites, saith JEHOVAH.
22 For like as the new heavens,
And the new earth which I make,
Remain before me, saith JEHOVAH;
So shall your seed, and your name remain.
23 And it shall be, that from new moon to new
moon,
And from sabbath to sabbath,
Shall all flesh come to worship before me,
Saith JEHOVAH.

24 And they shall go forth, and shall see
The carcases of those men, who have rebelled against me:
For their worm shall not die,
And their fire shall not be quenched;
And they shall be an abhorrence unto all flesh.

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